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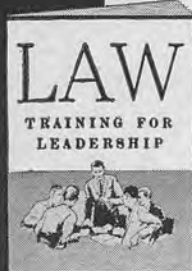
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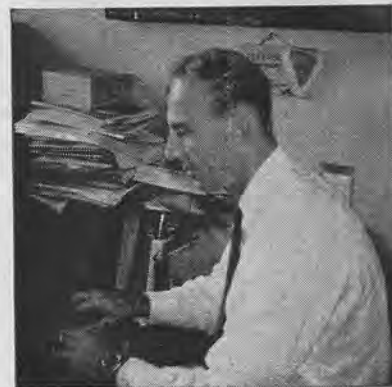
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RW EDITORIAL

By
NAT LOUBET

WRESTLING OFFERS MORE THAN '49 GOLD RUSH



Never before in the history of the world have so many sports held such places of importance as they do today. Never has the athlete been in such high demand. Not since the days of the Roman Arena have athletes boasted such esteem.

Never has the athlete been offered such unbelievable stakes for his services. And, never has there been a dearth of talented young men and women professionally inclined.

In America, baseball, the National Pastime, despite offering bonuses and bright futures for its heroes, has had a desperate time in maintaining its standard of play in the major leagues.

Professional football, a top attraction in the U.S., cannot find sufficient players of expert caliber to fill the American Football League's requirements. Many teams in the established National Football League lack talent to fill out their rosters.

Ice hockey finds itself in much the same fix, with a paucity of professional ability. Boxing, the outstanding professional international sport, has found itself with insufficient youngsters to fill the void left by those retiring.

With the quickly changing television set-up in the U.S. the promise of still higher reimbursements for services rendered by pro athletes, it is unbelievable that more young men are not turning their eyes to the possibilities of futures in these financially rewarding fields.

Participation in wrestling on the high school and college levels has been reaching unheard of heights in America. Likewise, the professional field is gaining in popularity not only in the U.S. but wherever the sport exists in the free world. Television, a clamoring public with an ever growing appetite, and colorful promoting by men with vision and imagination have opened a new road for fame and fortune for any serious, talented professional aspirant.

Wrestling is not to be outdone by any of the other big sports in offering possibilities to newcomers. The road is a long and hard one, but then fame and fortune do not come easy in any field.

Promoters are on the search for new talent but what is found seldom is up to the caliber of the men currently making the headlines.

One of the reasons is the unwillingness of youngsters to "pay the price" to attain not only the needed skills but the type of bodies, and physical condition, needed to compete in professional sports.

The late President Kennedy became aware of the unfitness of American youths through army rejections and began his physical fitness program which his successor is boosting vigorously.

The influence of the late President's program has been felt around the world and the developing of muscle and stamina is being attacked with universal zeal. Barbells are being hefted as never before, calories counted, a fetish made of health.

The physical requirements in professional wrestling are only one part of the hurdle course. There must be an inner flame of desire and competitive spirit, the urge to be better than the next man.

Too few young men possess this drive and are willing to pay the price.

The youth of the world have frontiers to conquer such as never before existed. Outer space is in the embryonic stage. Science is branching out. Athletics are taking up more time, becoming increasingly more important, and offer a future not to be lightly considered.

Professional sport in the U.S.A offers a golconda unmatched by the rewards of the 1849 gold rush to California.

JACOB is reported in the Bible to have **WRESTLED** with an angel. "And by his strength he had power with **GOD**. Yea, he had power over the angel and prevailed."

~ Hosea, XII, 3 and 4



Archaeologists, making excavations in Mesopotamia in 1938, uncovered, near Bagdad, a slab showing two **WRESTLERS**, created by the **SUMERIANS**, an ancient tribe, and believed to be more than 5,000 years old.



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An Important Message To Every Man And Woman In America Losing His Or Her Hair

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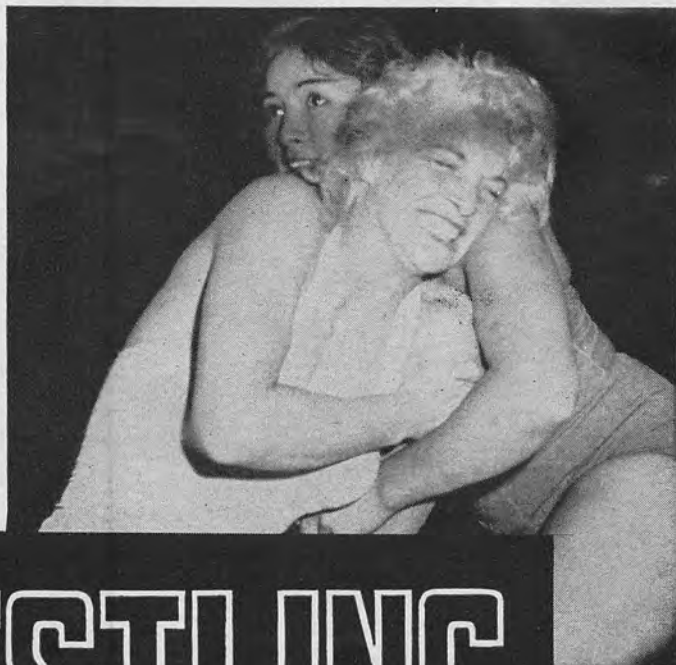
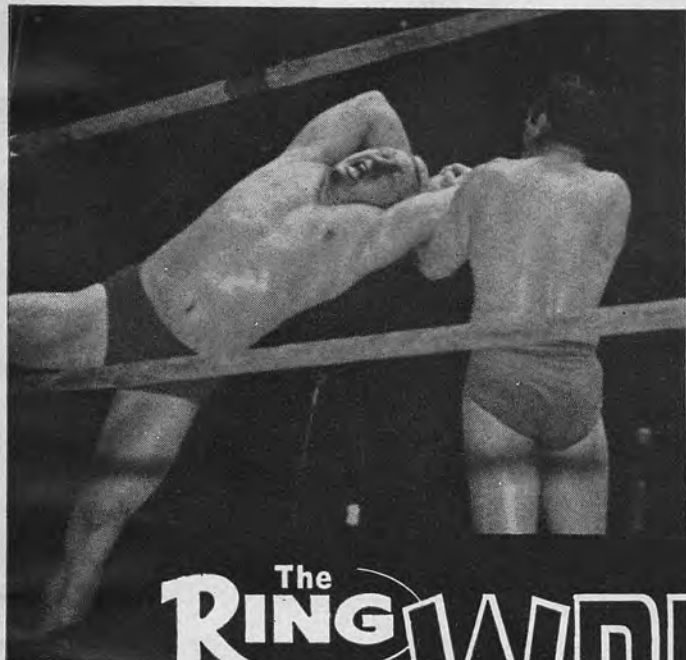
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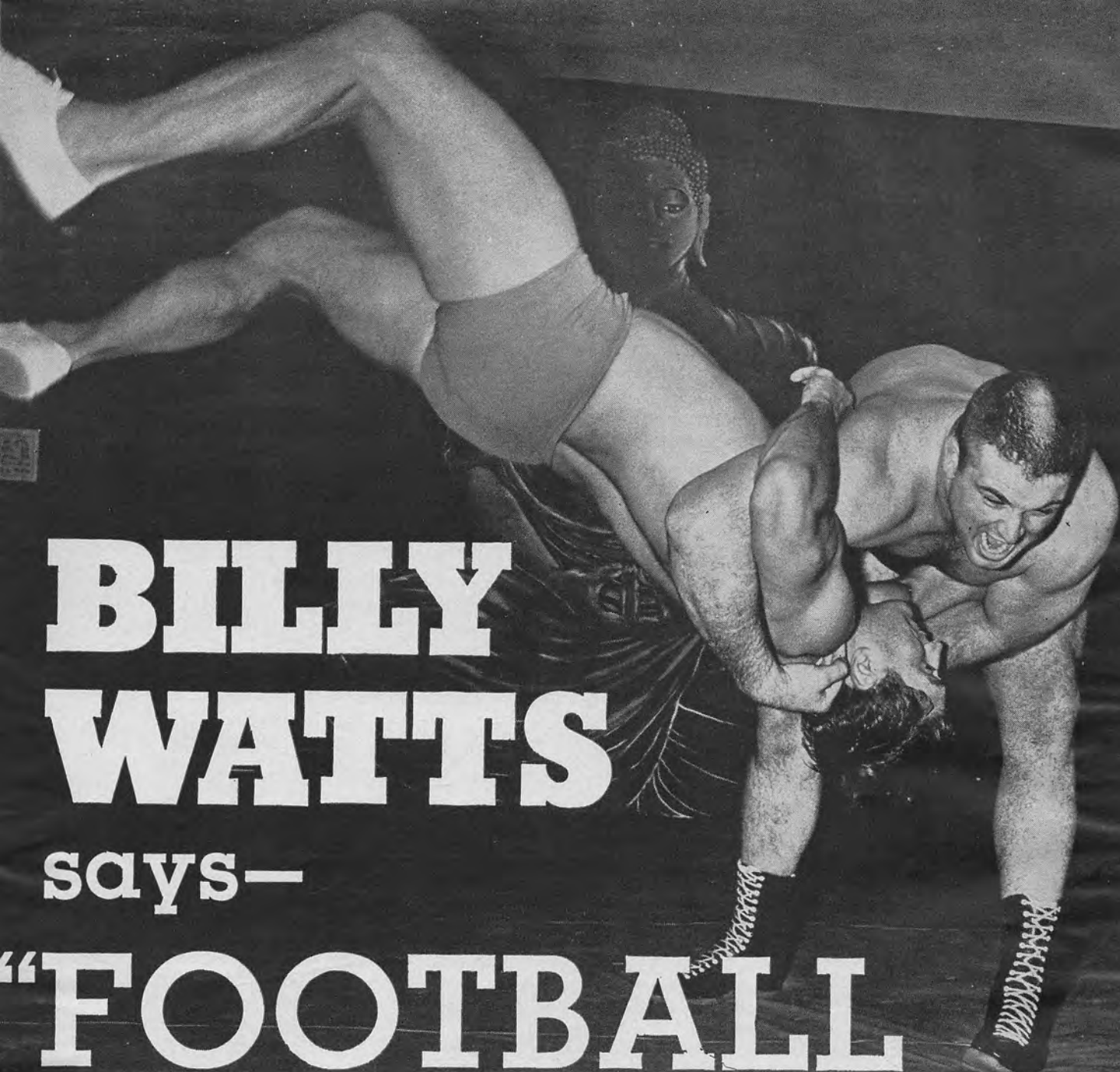
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says—

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IN November 1958 I was the loser in a photo finish. Loser to the point at which my life was involved.

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I was thrown 40 feet down the track, I was dented in many places. The doctors felt that my chances were next to nil. For 48 hours they did not remove my clothes. For two weeks I was unconscious.

I was nearing the end of a football season at University of Oklahoma, and was in perfect condition. To that fact I owed my life.

When I finally left the hospital I weighed under 200 pounds. I had suffered crushed ribs, a cracked shoulder, a sprung pelvis, internal injuries galore and lacerations without number.

The medicos said, “You are a lucky

"WRESTLING IS THE TOUGHEST GAME OF THEM ALL. FOOTBALL IS SISSY STUFF IN COMPARISON TO THE KIND OF BEATING A GUY TAKES ON THE MAT." So Writes Cowboy Bill Watts, a former Oklahoma and Houston Oilers star now reaching for stardom as a grappler.



By BILL WATTS
As told to Nat Loubet

man. Forget all about football and wrestling. Your days as a competitor are over. Take it nice and easy and you will live to a ripe old age. Above all, stop thinking that a car can beat a locomotive to any given point."

I told the doctors that they were as wrong as 5 and 7 making 9.

Six months later I could do a somersault. The following year I resumed my football and wrestling career with Oklahoma. I was a member of the team which won the 1959 NCAA wrestling championship.

I proceeded to prove that the human body is the most amazing piece of machinery in the world.

I went to 230 pounds, then 300. I worked with weights and recovered my strength in arms and shoulders.

That Fall I had to make up my mind if I wanted to go back to Oklahoma, where I had another year of eligibility, or start earning some dough. The Houston Oilers of the American League wanted me, with a bonus.

I picked the Oilers. However, I am getting ahead of my story.

I now am an accredited professional wrestler, doing pretty well under the management of Red Berry, and bound to do a lot better.

I am 24, weigh 290, still single, ambitious, in fine shape and, I think, intelligent.

I was a football and wrestling star in high school and got an athletic scholarship at Oklahoma. It was the Golden Age of Oklahoma football, under Bud Wilkinson, who recently resigned for the reported purpose of devoting himself to a political career.

Oklahoma, as you know, had a football streak of 48 straight. In 1958 we beat Duke and in 1959 won from Syracuse, in the Orange Bowl at Miami.

On the wrestling team I worked under Port Robertson, 1960 Olympic team coach, and Tommy Evans.

I got to know Danny Hodge, current light heavyweight mat champion, and Dale Lewis, NCAA title winner and now a mat pro.

Incidentally, as an amateur at Oklahoma I wrestled against the Japanese all stars who toured the USA.

In high school I was on the National Honor Society and at Oklahoma I made the Dean's List. I majored in Finance and Management, with a minor in Business Law and Accounting.

Now we come back to November 1958 and the automobile smashup.

While I was playing for Houston, championship winner in the American League, Hodge and I crossed paths again.





Above: The Cowboy in Ring Magazine office is besieged by teen age fans who get their Ring Wrestling magazine autographed by their hero. The girls are: left to right, Judy Berger, Ronnie Slapo, Muriel Greenfield and Barbara Heller. Right: Watts as a rugged, two-fisted tackle, a member of the professional Houston Oilers.

Hodge introduced me to Leroy McGuirk, then the junior heavyweight mat champion, who had followed my athletic career at Oklahoma.

McGuirk and Hodge urged me strongly to quit football and take up a professional wrestling career. They said that the mat offered the best financial possibilities. I pondered this thing and reached the conclusion that they were right.

I liked wrestling because it engendered a feeling of personal conquest.

In football you are on the field with ten team mates and eleven on the opposition. In wrestling you win or lose on the basis of individual achievement, or personal lack. You are on your own. It is winner take all and you do not have to answer to a coach and ten other men.

Having size, health, condition, determination and know-how, I have done well in pro wrestling.

I have met Bill Miller, Don Leo Jonathan, Bob Ellis, Tony Borne, Kinji Shibuya, and Pepper Gomez.

I have come East, where the greats are, eager to meet them and prove that I have a right to my aspirations.

I live at home. My father is in the steel business and my mother is in the business of rearing a fine family.

My sister will be graduated soon from college as a teacher. My younger brother is at Oklahoma, wrestling under Tommy Evans. Oklahoma again won the NCAA title in 1963.

I have bought into McGuirk's 2000 acre ranch near Claremore, Okla., Will Rogers' town. We have some 400 head of registered Hereford cattle and are ready to enter some of them in the big Dallas show next October.

In Texas, land owned by our family has become a lucrative gravel area. Ranching has become complicated, with registered



The Cowboy seen taking his new helmet to start practice with the Oilers after leaving the Minnesota Vikings to play in Texas. All that is now in the past as Bill chooses wrestling for his future.



Bill, right, talks shop with Nat Loubet, Publisher and Editor of Ring Wrestling, in Madison Square Garden, New York.



Watts examines The Ring Boxing Hall of Fame and suggests that there should be a Hall of Fame for wrestlers.



The Cowboy shows his brawn by lifting two misses, Sandy Kwitel and Janet Chase, with utter ease. "This is the way to train!"

stock instead of the old longhorns, and gravel pits where grazing land used to be. Our next move will be to drill for oil on that Texas land.

I like life in the East, so different from living in Oklahoma and Texas.

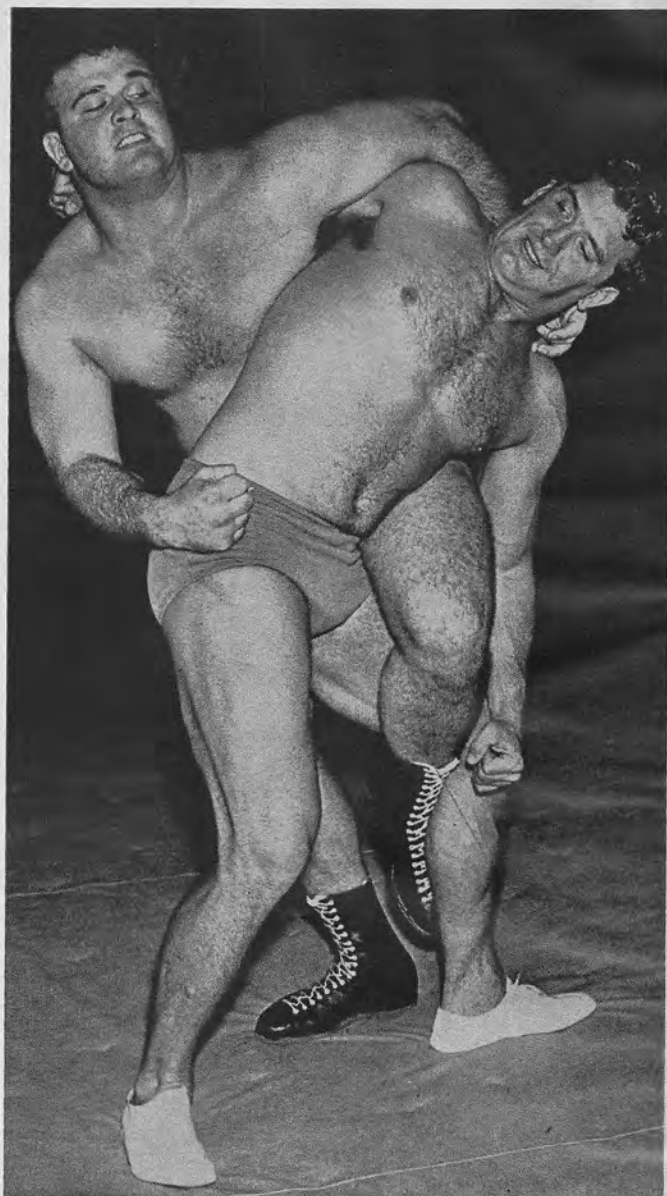
Many of my friends of college days also have come East and I have renewed my connections with them. They include Bobby Boyd, Baltimore Colts; Bobby Mac Donald, Bob Harrison and Mike McClelland, Philadelphia Eagles; and Clendon Thomas, Pittsburgh Steelers.

Wrestling, without a doubt, is the greatest sport. It is the one and only world-wide sport.

I find that as a competitor, I have to train myself to meet every possible type of grappler, every possible type of man, from the clever, accomplished gentleman to the mean guy who is a villain not merely through promoters' publicity.



Bill caught by the candid camera with Jerry Kozak, when the two were holders of a version of the U.S. tag team title.



Before they were tag team partners Bill and Jerry tangled on several occasions. Here we see Bill applying his favorite hold, the abdominal stretch, during match which he won.

You have to learn to dish it out, and to take it. You have to realize that it's dog eat dog. The conception some of the anti-wrestling people have is fantastic and makes me laugh.

More competitors are injured in wrestling than in boxing or professional football.

I have played top class pro football and, much as I hate to make the comparison, I have to say, in answering questions, that American and National League gridiron play for pay is sissy stuff.

Wrestling is rough and tough and takes a lot out of you. But it's my game, and my style, and I love it.

A PICTORIAL HISTORY—ALL WOMEN

**MAT FANS NOW
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EXAMINING the history of girl wrestling in the United States we find it split into four eras. There was the pioneer period, which reaches back into the 1880's. Then the second stage, at about the time of the Spanish-American War in 1898. The third period ran into the second World War. Now we are going through Era No. 4.

The first three stages saw the promoters devoted to the belief that a woman grappler had to be heavy.

There was no search for beauty. There was no stress on skill. There was no insistence on physical form.

The second era, as judged from photographs of leading gal exponents, found the promoters undecided. They appeared to grab what they could in feminine talent, and got heavies, welters, and lightweights. The low limit was around 140 pounds.

In the third period there was growing insistence on pulchritude and figure. Now the wrestling fans demand looks, fight, skills, determination, showmanship and devotion to career.

Margo, The Cobra Girl, had legs, torso, and powerful hands.

By **DAN DANIEL**

Our girl grapplers of 1964 are dedicated to the sport and to their professions as wrestlers. They do not fill in their time with burlesque theatre appearances, or, as was the case so often many years ago, as hash slingers and B girls.

Wrestling today does not go behind locked doors. It is not stag smoker stuff. It is not surreptitious. It is a highly respected, remunerative business in which many of the girls earn as much as \$75,000 a year.

Nell Stewart did a lot better in her Cadillac driving prime and June Byers is good for more than \$100,000 annually in the current mat picture.

Back in the pioneer days promoters could pick up a wrestling duo for \$50.

The photographs herewith presented show women wrestlers of the third stage. You will note that the physical type runs from the somewhat generously gifted Margo, the Cobra Girl, and the athletically built Gladys Killer Gillem, The Wildcat, to the more Spartan Jessica Songbird, direct from Ireland.



West Virginia's Peggy Allen had professional pose and a few other things, among them stamina and power to spare.



Jessica Songbird, the Dublin Thrush, (lower right) featured Celtic aggressiveness as she lulled them to sleep, while The Princess (lower left), had that Sultry look.



From left to right, this galaxy of half-nelson experts presents Betty Jarvis, of Columbus, The Blonde Fury, reportedly from Hollywood, Jean Kennedy, who has a fine hold on herself, and Lynn Livingston, who appears to regard the whole thing lightly.



Sandra Holubam brought her mat talents all the way from Rumania.

The pictures are from the valuable collection of Jack Pfefer, pioneer promoter, who did so much to advance women's wrestling and the male section of the sport in the USA.

The busty, curvaceous, richly endowed Miss Gillem was one of the standout grapplers yet developed among the fair disciples of the half nelson.

Miss Gillem, a beauty and sexy, started a lot of girls in the wrestling profession. Among them was the eventually adroit Nell Stewart.

Nell was a waitress in Birmingham, Ala., voracious for tips in the interest of her mother and two young brothers.

After deciding to become a wrestler Nell went to Los Angeles, where she sought out Miss Gillem.

"I can't urge you too strongly to stop serving pot roast and to go into wrestling," Gladys told Miss Stewart.

"I size you up for a fast learner, and a fine student of showmanship."

Nell took that advice, and before long had diamonds on her fingers and bells on her toes.

One of the fine wrestler, and lookers, of the third era was The Blonde Fury, from Hollywood.

This girl was one of the most beautiful to enter the wrestling ranks. The dope was that she was a member of a movie director's family and had gone into wrestling against the wishes of her father.

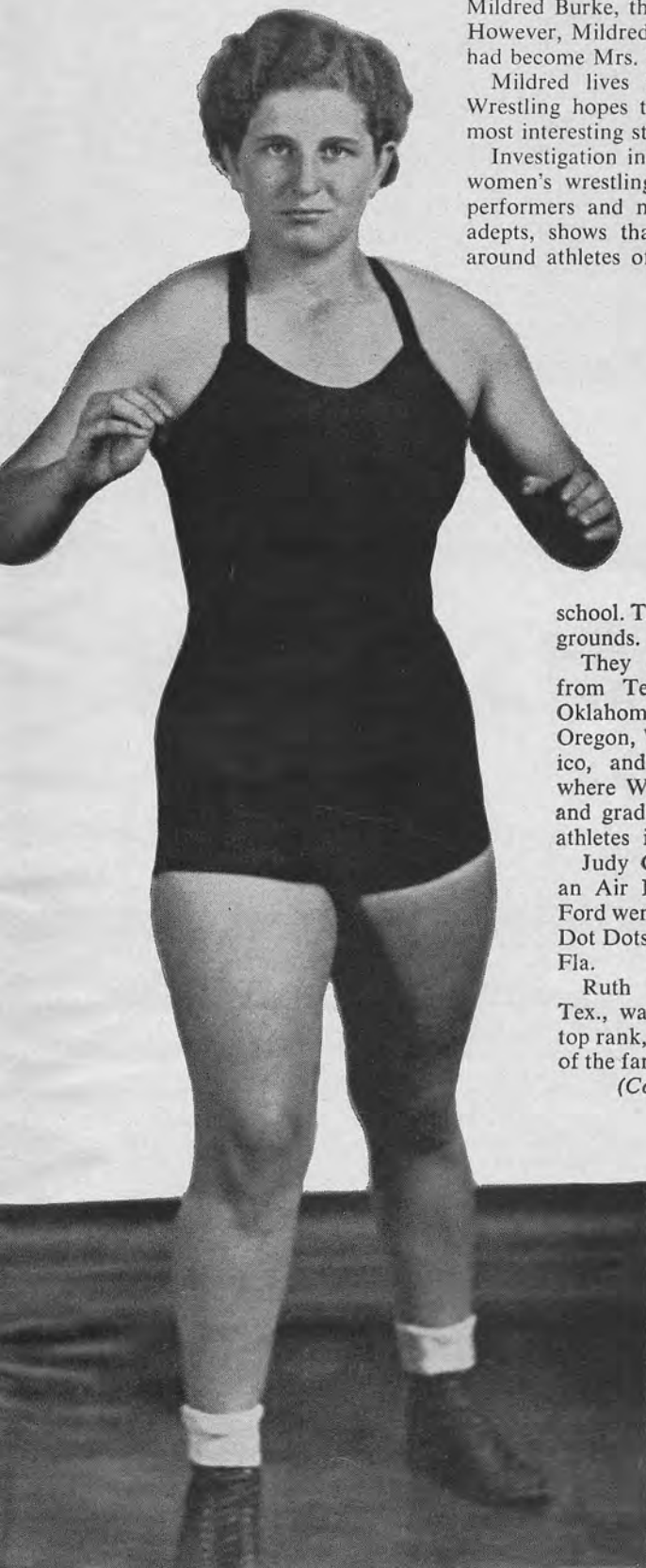
Efforts to trace her history through Ed Sweeney, who took her picture in his Hollywood studio, have proved unsuccessful. There were many like Fury in the ring. There are many right now.

Few girls wrestle under their right names. Mildred Burke, the great, was an exception. However, Mildred was Burke even after she had become Mrs. Billy Wolfe.

Mildred lives in Hollywood, and Ring Wrestling hopes to induce her to write her most interesting story for an early issue.

Investigation into the sources from which women's wrestling recruited its Era No. 3 performers and now gets its Period No. 4 adepts, shows that most of them were all around athletes of the tomboy type in high

Sturdy, skilled Gladys (Killer) Gillem, one of numerous Wildcats of her era.



school. There are no burlesque back-grounds.

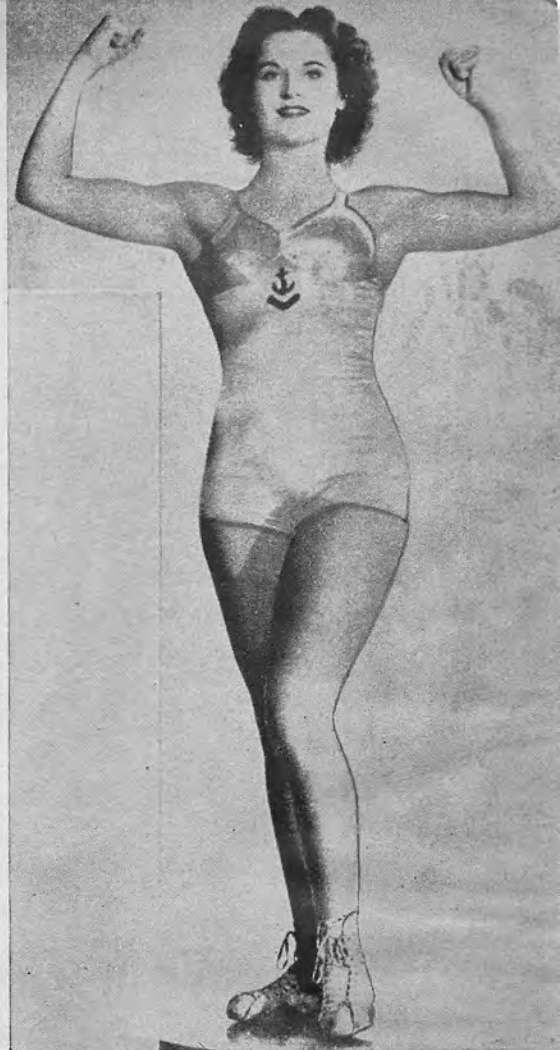
They came—and still come—from Texas, Georgia, California, Oklahoma, Missouri, West Virginia, Oregon, Washington, Florida, Mexico, and Ohio. Columbus, Ohio, where Wolfe had his headquarters, and graduated a lot of high school athletes into wrestling.

Judy Glover, from Florida, was an Air Force judo student. Joyce Ford went into the ring from rodeos. Dot Dotson drove a cab in Orlando, Fla.

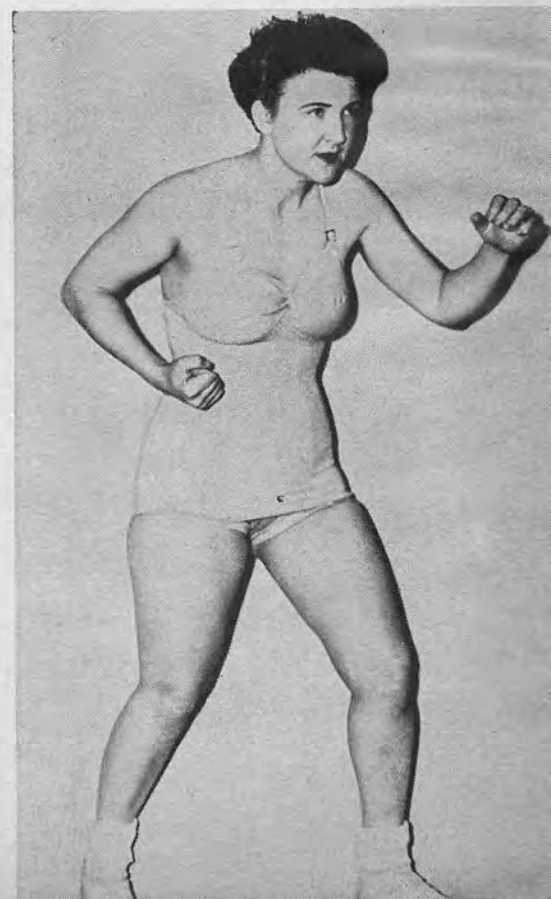
Ruth Boatcallie, from Bryan, Tex., was a roller derby skater of top rank, Mae Young was a member of the famous softball championship

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Look at that stance! Marilyn Martin should be wearing boxing gloves.



This import from Russia is Olga Baranoff, who really had looks.



The man standing is Tony Santos, Hub promoter. The hombre seated is Mayor John F. Collins, of Boston. The rose between them is Gorgeous Rita. Santos is handing a check for a Boston charity to Hizzoner.



Rita Cortez Discusses;

"MY PROBLEMS WITH MEN"

Star Gal Grappler Has Men In State Of Fear

I AM one of the outstanding wrestlers of the fast growing school of feminine grapplers of the professional class. I keep very busy and they tell me that my earnings come close to the salary of the President of the United States.

I, Rita Cortez, also am a woman who, I have to believe, without vanity and self delusion, presents a pleasing face and figure.

Thus we have the combination of a professional wrestler and a good looking woman. I have been asked if this works up personal problems for me.

Am I bothered by men? Do men try to intrude on my privacy? Do men make passes at me? How does my wrestling career affect my social life? Note, please, that I am not married, and that I am not involved romantically.

I know that the majority of girl grapplers will tell you that they look forward to marriage and a family.

This may turn out to be my ultimate goal. But right now I am not attracted



to the domestic life. I want to acquire a big ranch in Texas or Arizona. But I want to raise horses, not to rear children. As I say, the right man may come along and change all that.

I am not afraid of men. Men are afraid of me. Definitely. I say this with no elation.

Men want to meet me. They send me flowers. They express a desire to take me out to dinner, to the theatre. But I find that they fear me because of the fact that I have the physical ability to throw them around if I feel that they have overstepped the bounds of polite social practice.

Men joke about this with me. But they joke in a serious vein.

"Rita, you are attractive. You are sweet." BUT—

Passes? It depends on what you call passes. Nowadays we have no duennas, no chaperones. I read strange things about college girls in their relations with college boys. In Mexico City, where I was born, they don't talk about such things, and newspapers and magazines do not print such discussions.

Well, under the present definition of passes, I don't get them.

I get imitation passes and they do not last long. They are not real. Before long the makers of passes discover that I am Rita Cortez, and that is that. They assume sheepish grins. It is fun. Invade my privacy, or dressing quarters? No.

Do I have a real social life? Yes. A healthy, normal one involving healthy, normal men and a healthy normal girl of 25. I date, and have fun when I am at home in Los Angeles.

On the road it is a matter of close attention to business. Not only do I travel all over the United States but I also am an instructor in Buddy Lee's camp.

I train girl wrestlers for eight and nine hours a day. It is a fine, healthy, interesting life, be it in the ring or in camp. It is a healthy, lucrative and independent life. I punch no time clock, I fear no boss, I don't have to tolerate office passes or steal coffee breaks.

The things men ask as souvenirs pass all understanding. But I play along with established ideas of publicity and public relations.

Men ask me to autograph their shirts, cuffs, shirt fronts. They have asked me to leave my lip imprint on napkins, programs. They don't believe that a woman my size and weight could toss them with ease. I don't take advantage of the chances to prove them wrong. Only rarely, anyway. I have tossed men weighing as much as 220 pounds.

I was stopped just once. In the offices of Ring Wrestling I tried to flip Cowboy Bill Watts, 290 pounds. I almost broke my back.

I love music. I don't like to stuff myself at the dinner table. I keep my weight down

Rita is comfortably located on the shoulder of Bill Watt, also a pro wrestler, whom she met in Ring Wrestling office.



—more than ever in recent months. I am not fond of display. I don't wear expensive jewelry, I don't wear a mink coat, I dress quietly, more so than the average office secretary.

I like people, and I don't care to judge them. When people do things that are bad a study of both sides of the coin most often proves that there are reasons for what has been done. What does it say in the Good Book? Judge not, that ye be not judged. I am tolerant, not cynical.

I think I am a good wrestler. Nowadays you cannot get by merely because you are a woman, or you have looks and figure. The fans are used to women with looks and figure. Just about every female wrestler has looks and figure. You have to know how to wrestle. Phonies don't stick around.

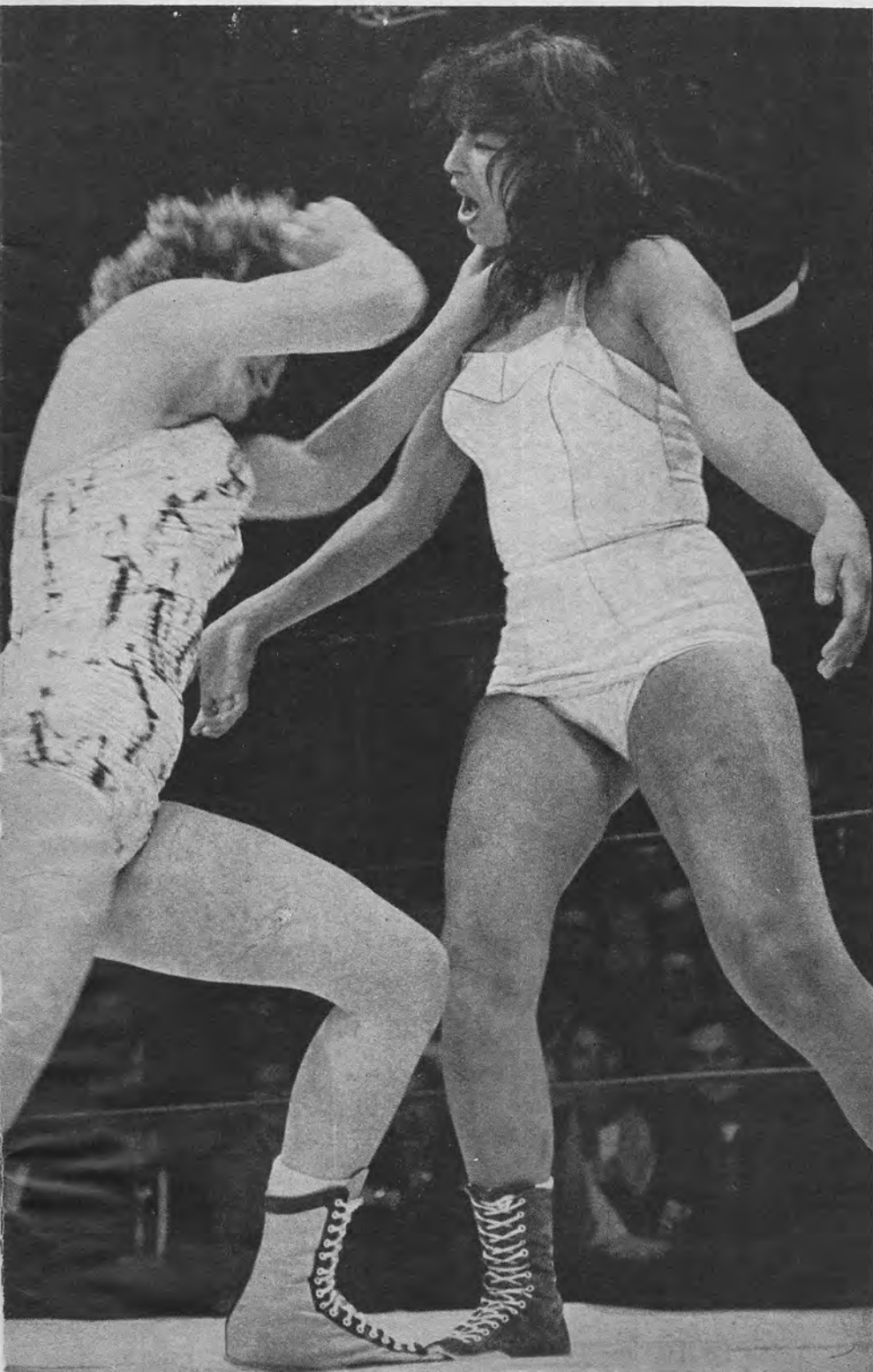
I am ambitious. I want to hit the \$100,000 a year class. I will make it. I would like to meet June Byers, who, I am told, is the greatest woman wrestler of this or any other time. Though I hate to think that we have, as yet, the superior of Mil-

dred Burke, who taught me the rudiments of the game and whom I found to be a knowledgeable woman, kind, appreciative, friendly.

Off the mat I am gentle. In the ring I am what I am advertised to be—the Mexican Spitfire. I want to win all the time and I want nothing to do with what are called submission holds. I want to pin every opponent.

I go in a lot for the body scissors. The fans love action, so I use drop kicks, body slams, the back drop.

I like the back body drop, with a swing



Rita, Chiquita Linda, is at her ease during interview in this magazine's headquarters.

Here is La Cortez in an aggressive move as she battles with Mae Young in the ring at Roanoke.



On the left, Rita and Buddy Lee, her manager, outlining heavy schedule. Top right, Miss Cortez obligingly laughing at joke spilled by Nat Loubet, Ring Wrestling editor. Lower right, Coy Cortez plus full equipment.



around to lock my opponent. The fans do not pay their good money to see two girls wrestle along drawing room lines.

I believe that if I had been born a male I would have become a boxer. I like to watch fights, alive and on TV.

Time and again, in interviews, they ask me that same old question—Can a good wrestler beat a good fighter?

There is no doubt about the answer. The wrestler has many more weapons than the boxer. The way wrestling is conducted today considerable boxing is involved. The boxer is limited in his working assets.

I was born in Mexico City in 1938. Afraid to tell my real age? Not yet. When that time comes I will be on the ranch.

Am I a descendant of Hernando Cortez, who conquered Montezuma and the Aztecs? Could be. I never have gone back very far in my ancestry. I am what I am, and don't care much who was my great, great grandfather. I do not doubt that he was an honest, God-fearing man. There

were no wrestlers in my family before I took to the game.

My first ambition was to become a great girl bull fighter. There are female toreadors and they do well. But they do not make the kind of money available to woman wrestlers. Another thing. On the mat we do not fight the bulls.

My family moved to Los Angeles when I was five years old. As I grew up, I played baseball, basketball and volley ball. I like dancing. But prefer sports.

I saw some wrestling bouts in Mexico and California and decided that the game offered fine opportunities, financial and technical.

Life in an office did not appeal to me. Nor did life in a kitchen and nursery. In developing into a mat drawing card I have achieved my one great ambition, and landed in my idea of the finest way of life.

Well, I eventually met Mildred Burke and she got me started in wrestling. I was 16.

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R W Beauty Contest

By LEW ESKIN

JUDY GRABLE - FAIREST OF THE FAIR



Lovely Cora Combs, the Kentucky Sweetheart who is now appearing in Florida and the South Atlantic states.

THE beauty contest which Ring Wrestling is conducting among the feminine contingent of the grappling industry is producing results far beyond any expected by the magazine's publishers.

In the second round of the voting readers of Ring Wrestling responded with even greater volume and enthusiasm than had been displayed in the first round.

Judy Grable, one of the fairest of the fair among the gal grapplers, took the second round and joined Penny Banner, who was the first round leader.

Finishing closest to Miss Grable were Ann Casey and Rita Cortez. Fourth place went to Jo-Ann Phillips. One comic sent in a vote for Bruno Sammartino and wasted a ballot which some contestant may need badly before this poll is finished.

In our next issue, the results of the third round of voting will be announced.

In the meantime, the fourth round canvass is being conducted through the medium of the current issue of Ring Wrestling, fastest growing sports magazine.

Readers of this magazine are asked not to vote for either Penny Banner or Betty Grable from now on. They already have established their places and cannot be assisted by current voting in this competition.

Do blondes actually have all the fun? Do they capture the vote and fill the eye? Come on, you admirers of the brunettes! Yes, and you admirers of the blondes, as well. This is a great poll and we want you to become involved.

OFFICIAL RING WRESTLING BEAUTY CONTEST BALLOT

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BRITISH MAT UNLIKE YANKS'

Bouts Are
Split Into
Five Minute
Rounds

By
SAM COHEN



Here we see Abe Ginsburgh using his widely advertised Cobra Hold on Abe Gold.

MY home base is Bridgeport, Conn., where we see some great professional wrestling. Stay-at-homes get the idea that only in the good old USA is fine grappling on tap. Well, my eyes were opened on a recent trip to England. There I saw the workings and operations of the highly efficient Joint Promotions, Ltd.

A merger of once-independent promoters, with headquarters in Leeds, where a staff of four operates, Joint Promotions is by far Britain's dominant mat setup, controlling the most and choicest grapplers and best operating sites, plus TV wrestling.

The organization was formed on March 13, 1952, with a definite aim: to present the highest quality,



Grappling Over There involves Royalty. The Duke of Edinburgh, extreme right, being welcomed by Arthur Green, of Joint Promotions at Charity Show.

from the wealth of wrestling talent available, under a rigorous set of rules and code of conduct. There is all kinds of evidence that Joint Promotions has been succeeding in fulfilling its purposes.

Norman Morrell, of Bradford, Arthur Wright, of Manchester, Ted Beresford, of Huddersfield, and George de Relwyskow and Arthur Green, of Leeds, were the original members of the entente. As the company grew, its values became apparent.

Such impressive operators as Dale Martin, of London, and Billy Best, of Liverpool, were added to the membership roll. In this association, 90 per cent of Britain's wrestling activity became grouped. It remains so.

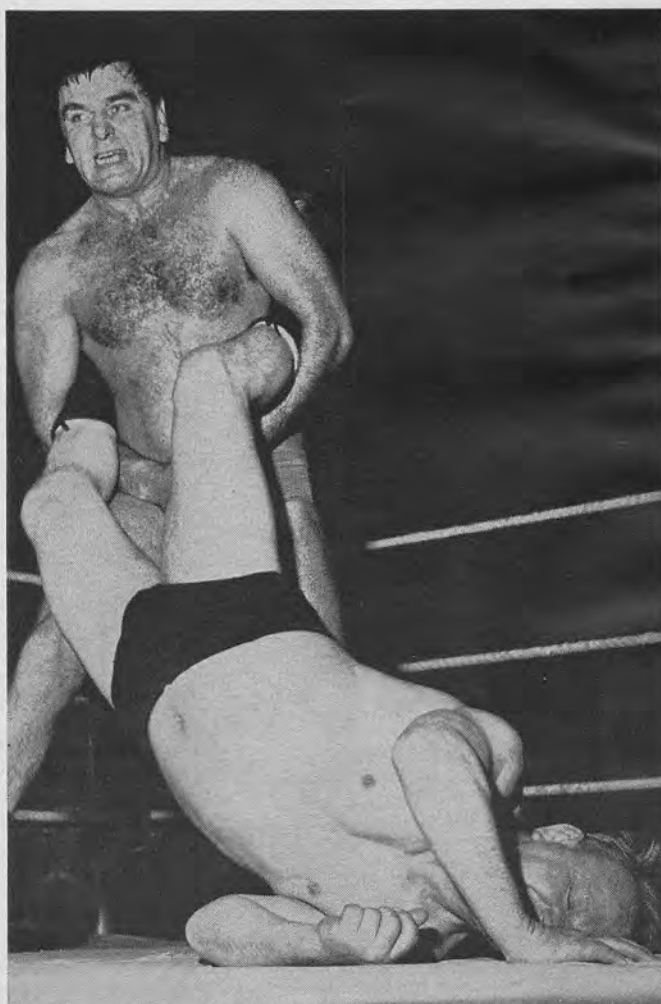
Green is secretary of Joint Promotions, a mainspring of its activity and an astute, systematic planner who brings a background of 33 years in wrestling to his multiple duties. The wrestling knowledge of former British Empire champion Relwyskow, former Olympic representative Morrell and onetime pro star Beresford is combined with the business acumen of their associates to a degree that Joint Promotions is in a class by itself as a promotional outfit in its field, worthy of study in the USA.

There are competitors, of course, but they fall far short of reaching the level of Joint Promotions, unquestionably the biggest and longest established of its type in the world.

In the Winter season, Joint Promotions presents as many as 120 programs weekly in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland—many more than any similar American organization.

JP has the in on the best arenas, Royal Albert Hall in London, King's Hall in Belfast, Liverpool Stadium, and Belle Vue in Manchester, along with town halls, drill halls and cinemas all over the country. Its activities extend from Aberdeen almost to Lands End and throughout North Wales and Northern Ireland.

The office in Leeds is a second-floor layout in Kirkgate Chambers. You have to look twice to make certain you aren't seeing things when noticing entries or departures of odd-looking individuals such as a Red Indian in buckskins, a Pakistani in native



Frank Sullivan turns Les Kellett over for a Boston Crab, which is just as uncomfortable in England as in the Hub.



Ginsburgh has Gold in a very uncomfortable position, out of which he is trying to bridge.



Fans are fans, whether they be in Leeds, England, or Houston, Tex.

attire, or a Sheik in flowing robes. All of them wrestlers, of course.

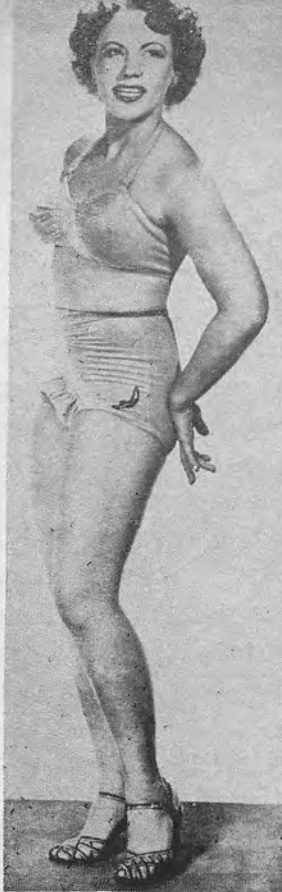
Green holds forth from there as the main co-ordinator of this prodigious, far-flung enterprise. He has an elaborate chart which quickly gives him information on Joint Promotions' projects and affiliated matmen.

Green and his associates do more than operate by telephone. They go to foreign lands in quest of grappling talent, besides telephoning overseas under reciprocal arrangements. Green particularly does a lot of flying, visiting Paris from time to time. A few years ago he made a trip to the United States.

Joint Promotions controls approximately 400 full-time wrestlers who are supplemented by many part-time combatants. The matmen are predominantly native in origin but there is still a sizable importation from the Continent and British colonial sources.

Aliens—and that includes Americans—are limited in pro wrestling activity in Britain, by decree of the Ministry of Labor. No more than 25 per cent of a show can consist of aliens, and no foreigner can compete in Britain more than 40 times within a calendar year.

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OFFICIAL WORLD RATINGS

Ring Wrestling Magazine Ratings are based on performance not only between issues of this publication but upon the overall records of the wrestlers. Performances and evidence of skills are the paramount guides. There's no possibility here of mistaking popularity for technical merit.

MEN

- 1—LOU THESZ
- 2—BRUNO SAMMARTINO
- 3—THE DESTROYER
- 4—BOB "COWBOY" ELLIS
- 5—VERNE GAGNE
- 6—RAY STEVENS
- 7—GENE KINISKI
- 8—SHAG THOMAS
- 9—ANTONINO ROCCA
- 10—GORILLA MONSOON
- 11—PEPPER GOMEZ
- 12—JACKIE FARGO
- 13—JOHN PAUL HENNING
- 14—RICKI STARR
- 15—LUTHER LINDSAY

WOMEN

- 1—RITA CORTEZ
- 2—FABULOUS MOOLAH
- 3—JUNE BYERS
- 4—GEORGIA BROWN
- 5—KAY NOBLE
- 6—KAREN KELLOG
- 7—PENNY BANNER
- 8—JUDY GRABLE
- 9—EVELYN STEVENS
- 10—ELAINE ELLIS
- 11—FRAN GRAVETTE
- 12—BRENDA SCOTT
- 13—ANDREA SWANSON
- 14—BARBARA BAKER
- 15—BETTE BOUCHER

TAG TEAMS

- 1—MITSU ARAKAWA and
KINJI SHIBUYA
- 2—THE BAVARIAN BOYS
(RUDY AND HARRY)
- 3—THE MASKED MEDICS
- 4—JACK AND JIM DALTON
- 5—KURT AND KARL VON
BRAUNER
- 6—ART AND STAN NEILSON
- 7—SKULL MURPHY and
BRUTE BERNARD
- 8—DICK THE BRUISER and
WILBUR SNYDER
- 9—RAY and BUD OSBORNE
- 10—KARL and SKULL VON
STROHEIM
- 11—IVAN and KAROL KALMIKOFF
- 12—ARGENTINA APOLLO and
PEDRO MORALES
- 13—JOHN and CHRIS TOLOS
- 14—THE KENTUCKIANS
- 15—RAY ANDREWS and
ERIC POMEROY



Betty Ann Spencer is a trim 140 pound tigress from Atlanta, Georgia.

**"I'M GOING
RIGHT TO
THE TOP!"**

says betty ann spencer

BY BOB LEONARD

(PHOTOGRAPHS BY MARCYNIUK AND UNGER)

"WHAT will you have, sir?"

The trim waitress in the light blue uniform stood next to a booth near the back of a popular restaurant on Auburn Street in Atlanta, Ga., pencil poised over her order book. It was late evening, and Betty Ann Spencer had put in a full day, hurrying to and fro, tending to the wants of the many customers. She glanced wearily at the clock over the front door.

"Good," she thought, "just another thirty minutes and the day's all over for this girl."

"Make it steak, well done, and lots of mushrooms," her customer said, handing back the menu with a polite smile.

For a moment, Betty Ann Spencer stood rooted to the spot. Those broad shoulders and slim hips. That bull neck, and the unmistakably twisted and thickened ears.

"Yes! It is!" she exulted as she hurried toward the kitchen with her order. He can't be anything but a wrestler!

He was a grappler. In fact, he was one of the finest matmen ever to pull or lace up a pair of high-cut shoes. And he was right here, in the restaurant where Atlanta's number one mat fan, Betty Ann Spencer, was employed as a waitress.

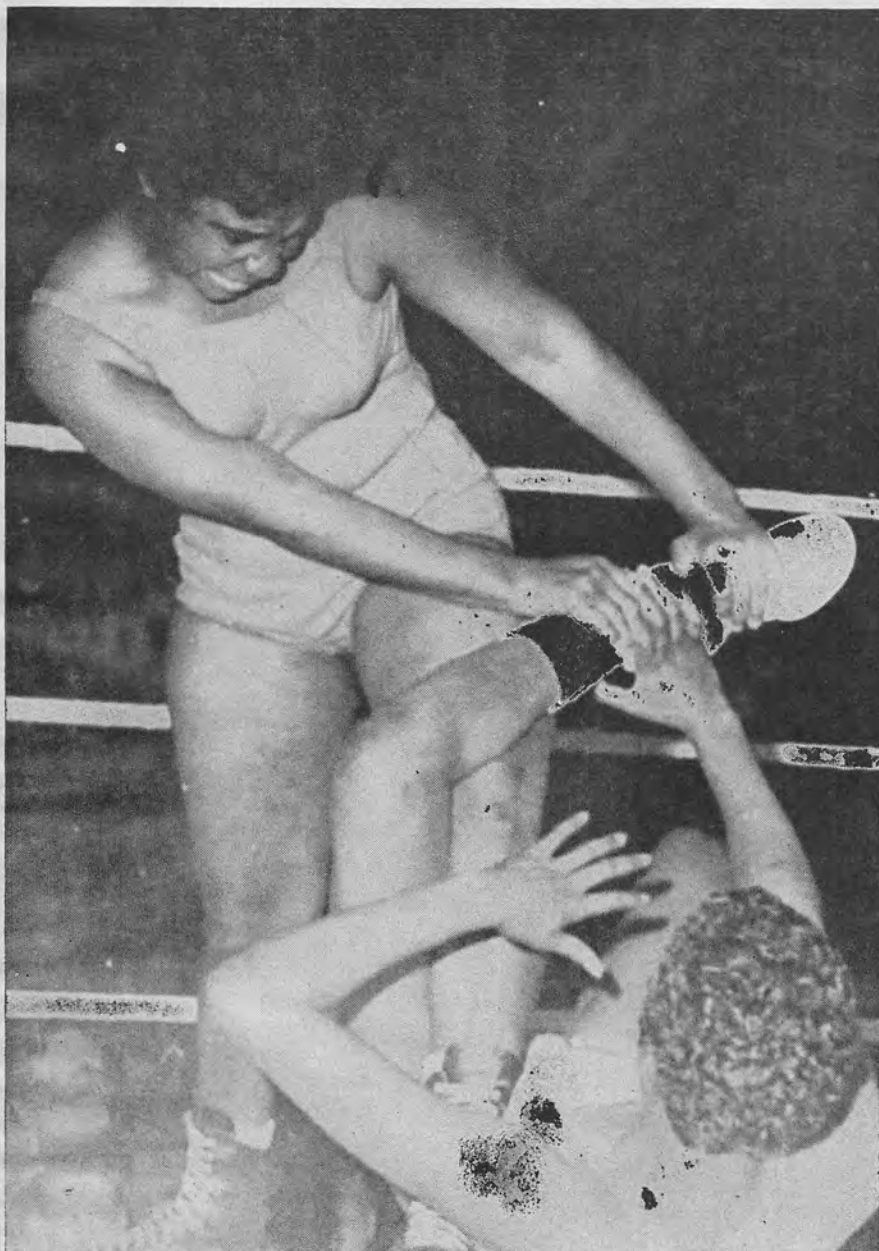
Betty was walking on air as she set her customer's table with gleaming silver and fresh linen. She stole a sidelong glance at him as he relaxed, reading a newspaper.

Tonight would be the night, she promised herself. Tonight, she would take the big step.

When the matman had finished his steak and was sitting nursing his coffee, Betty Ann, attired in her street clothes, took the step. She walked purposefully up to the table she just had waited on. The expression on her at-

Tag team mayhem! Referee Joe Lesperance caught in the middle of the blitz goes to bottom of the pile as Betty Ann (dark suit), adds her weight in an effort to pin Sweet Georgia Brown as Georgia's tag team partner, Madge Robinson (rear) yanks up Georgia's head to keep her from being pinned. Team of Dinah Beamon and Betty Ann won out against the Sweet Georgia-Robinson duo.





In a singles meeting between Betty Ann and Sweet Georgia Brown, Betty Ann puts on the pressure with a step over toe hold to win her match despite the efforts, seen here, of Miss Brown to keep her shoulders off the mat.

tractive face showed she wasn't about to be denied.

"Excuse me," she began, "you are a wrestler, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am," his well-modulated voice rolled out. "What can I do for you, Miss?"

"Perhaps a lot," Betty Ann replied, her voice tense with expectancy. And then the dam burst.

"I want to be a wrestler. You can't imagine how much I want this!"

"Sit down, and tell me about yourself," he invited. "Now, first tell me

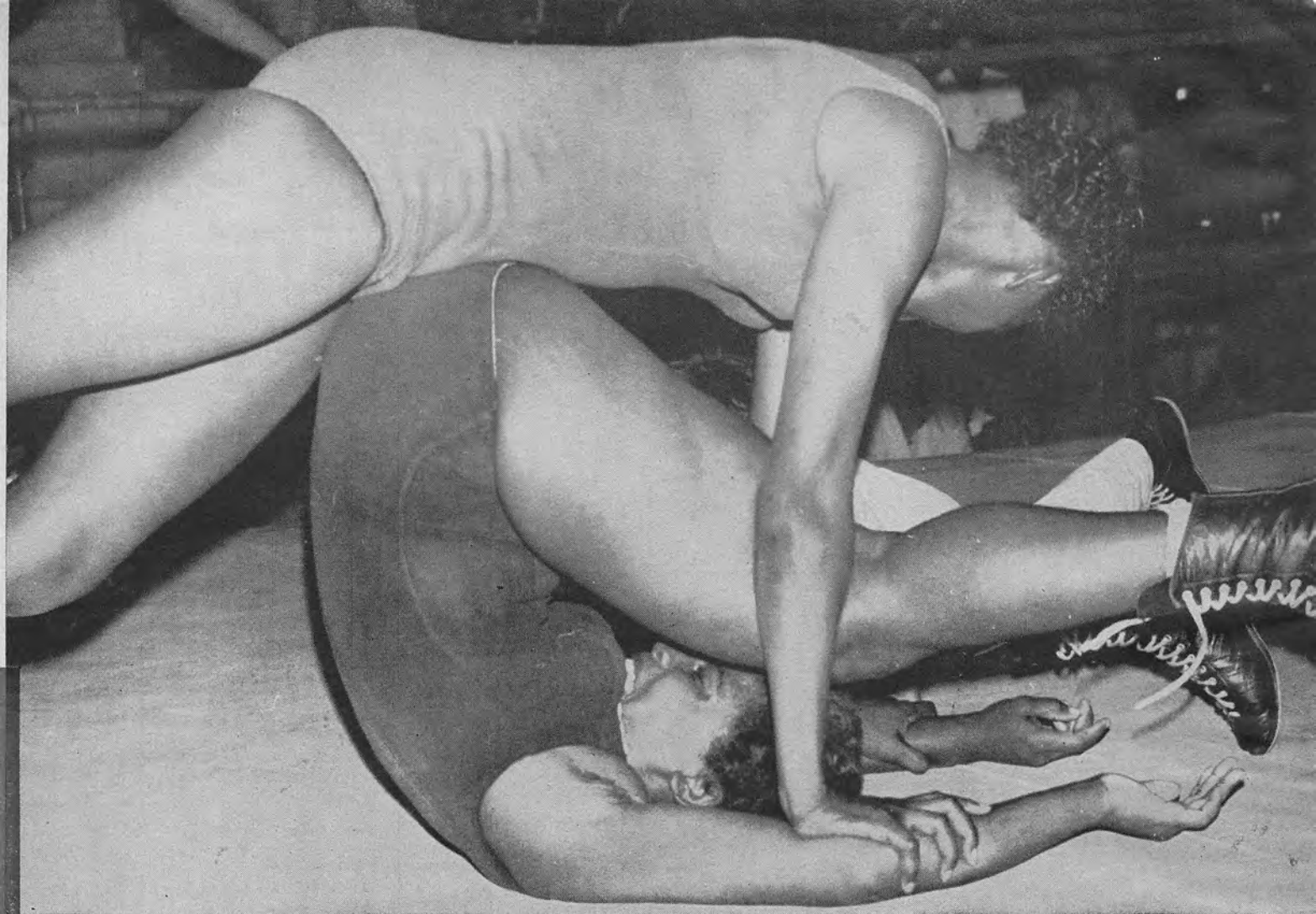
what makes you think you could be a wrestler?"

And that's how Betty Ann Spencer got herself into the ring, just two and a half short years ago.

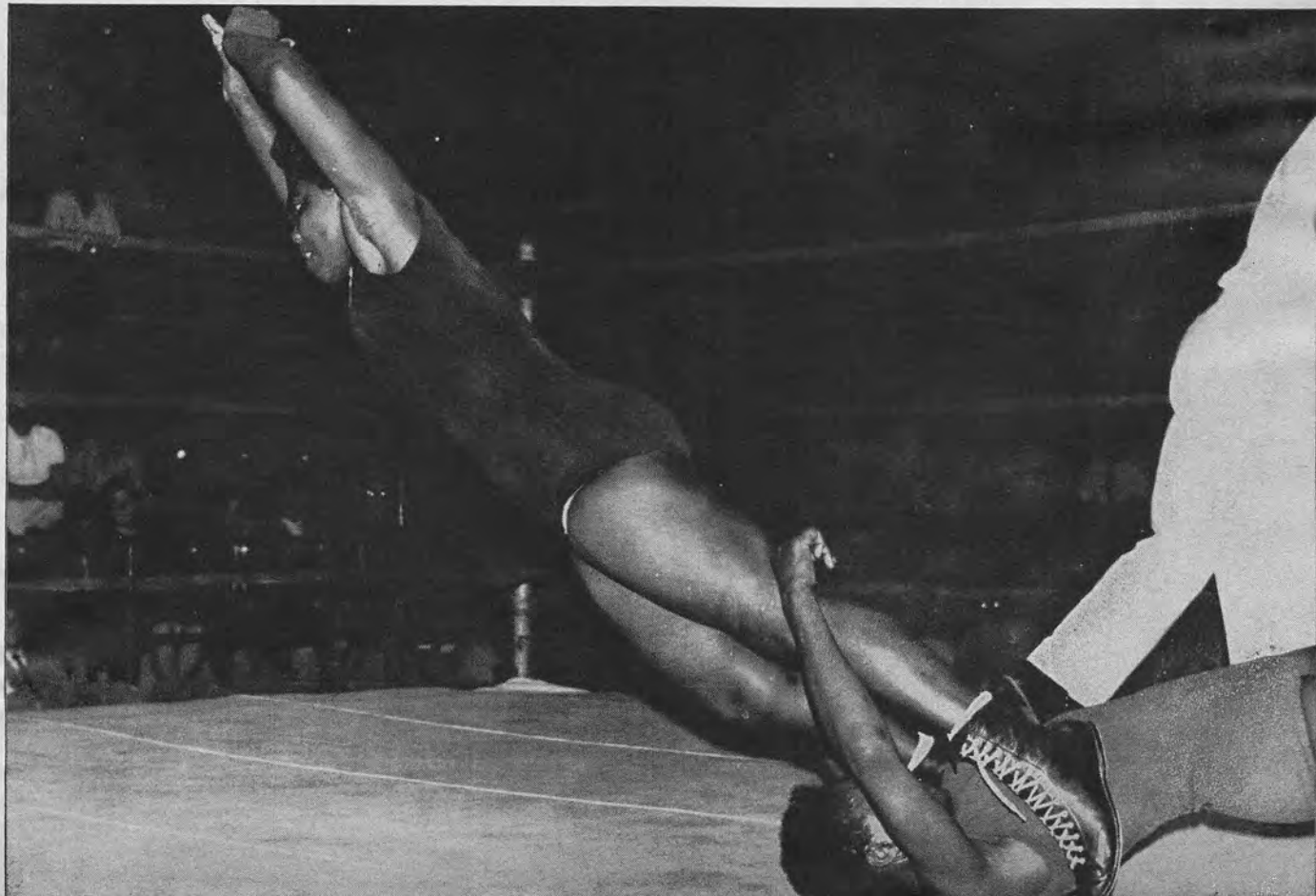
Like all stories, this one must have a beginning and an ending. The beginning was about seven years ago, and at the rate that Betty Ann Spencer, the auburn-haired sizzler from Atlanta, is going, there's no end in sight.

Betty was a schoolgirl in Atlanta when her parents took her to her first wrestling card

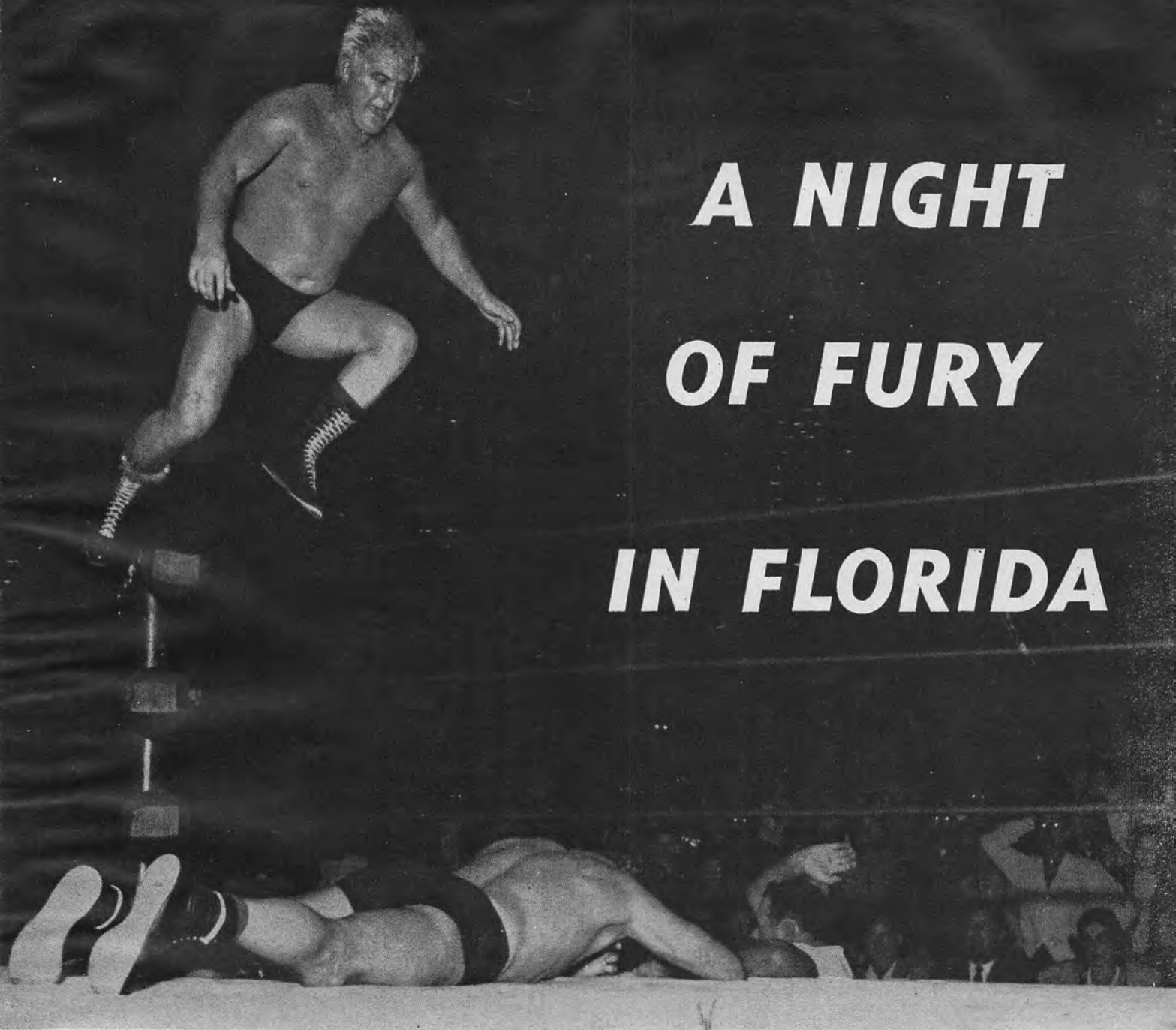
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The series between the girls has been a stirring one. The candid camera catches Betty Ann in an embarrassing position as Georgia Brown uses the ropes to add leverage to a shoulder stand. Below: Whoops! That's Spencer taking off, with Sweet Georgia Brown acting as the launching pad. Betty Ann is ahead in the win column of their several meetings.



A NIGHT OF FURY IN FLORIDA



Above, wild Eddie Graham jumps off the ropes onto the prostrate form of Lou Thesz. Graham won the match but he did not win the title from Thesz. Eddie failed to score pins in two falls, which is the only way a championship can change hands. Below, Thesz is in great pain from his injured back. Referee Charley Laye is helping him to his corner. Lou was unable to continue and Graham became the winner.



By TOM EPHREM

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — (Special Correspondence of Ring Wrestling): — If wrestling produces more action anywhere else in the USA than it does right here the fact has yet to get around.

As a shining example of Fury in Florida, the match in which Wild Eddie Graham beat champion Lou Thesz here was a corker.

If Graham could have controlled his temper he would own a version of the world heavyweight championship. The fury and urge to destroy Thesz proved Eddie's handicap.

He won the match but not the crown after Thesz, a veteran campaigner who still knows his business, was unable to go on during the third fall. Eddie won the first, but was disqualified in the second.

In championship wrestling matches two falls, decisive, have to be completed, and the crown cannot change heads on a dis-



Eddie's displeasure with the announcement that Thesz could not continue brought about this display of temper by the pride of the Jacksonville fans.

qualification. Such was the case here. Graham, easily is the most popular grappler to appear in Jacksonville in some time.

Another title match is asked by Graham.

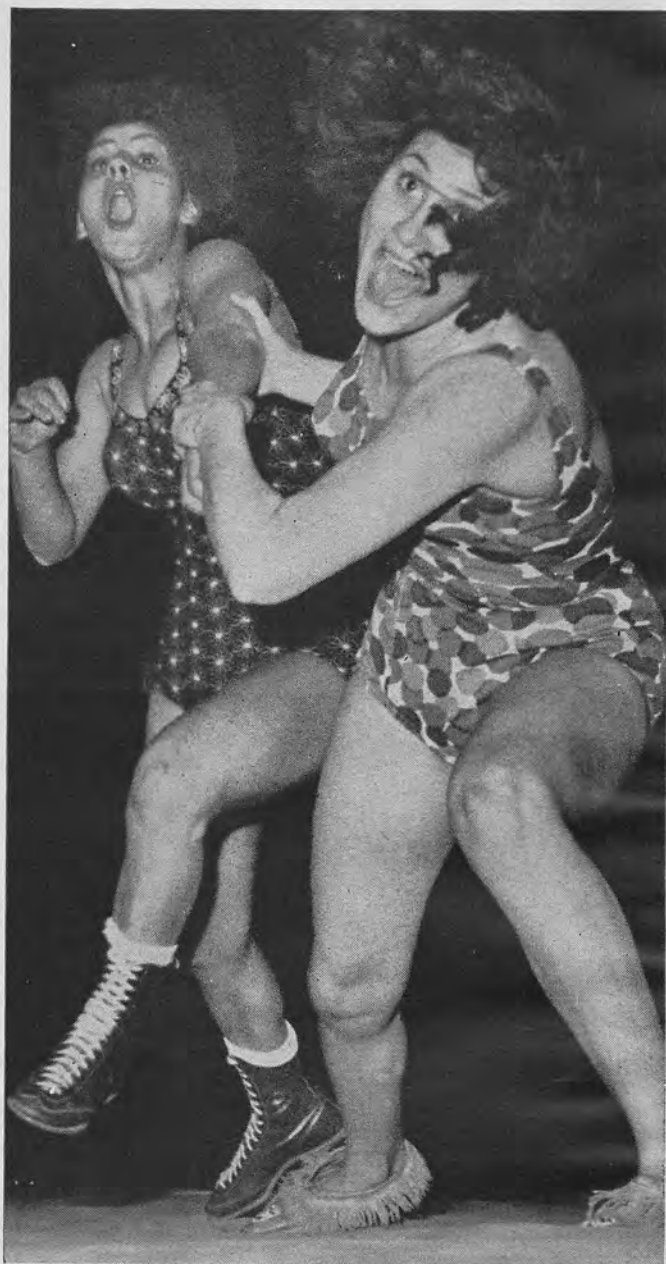
In the co-feature, with another world championship at stake, the tag team of Don Curtis and Mark Lewin remained at the helm when their clash with The Assassins ended even-Stephen. Each team had a fall but couldn't make headway in the third when the 60-minute time limit was reached.

In other matches: Big Bob Orton defeated Frank Valois; Jack Allen and Indian Chief Crazy Horse won over the team of Lord Nelson Royal and Killer Cox; and Ray Andrews and Georgia Boy Smith ended up in a draw.

The three-man team of Graham, Curtis and Lewin took two of three falls from the three unknown Masked Assassins before a crowd of 5,000 fans. Big Bob Orton defeated Eric Pomeroy, who replaced the injured Ray Vilmer. The lady and man team of Karen Kellog and Jack Allen won by disqualification over Cora Combs and Killer Cox.

Frank Valois defeated Indian Chief Crazy Horse and Ray Andrews pinned Lord Nelson Royal.

The tag team stars, Curtis and Lewin, won two falls of three to take the measure of the Assassins in Jacksonville. Curtis and Lewin are building up a strong following here and their fan club is being organized.

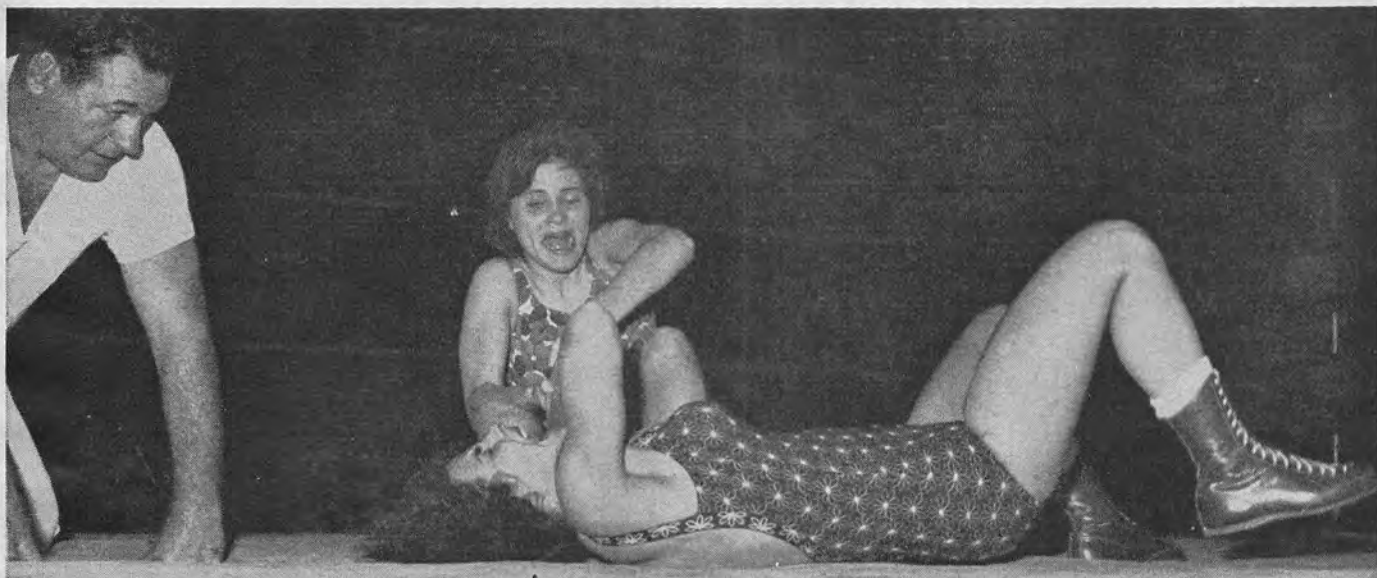


Princess Little Cloud is on the receiving end of a forearm smash as she starts a whip on Bette Boucher. The gals battled it out, with the Princess winning.

Graham outdid Big Bob Orton; while Cora Combs pinned Karen Kellog, and Duke Keomuka defeated Indian Chief Crazy Horse in a team match. Eric Pomeroy and Ray Andrews were held to a draw by Lord Nelson Royal and Frank Valois.

Curtis and Lewin took a team match from Duke Keomuka and Hiro Matsuda. Orton, a consistent winner looking for bigger things, scored over Pomeroy. Killer Cox defeated Steve Bolus. Chief Crazy Horse bested Frank Valois. Lord Nelson Royal held Roy Andrews to a draw.

The team of Curtis and Lewin were at it again. These clean-cut grapplers out-did the Assassins in a Jacksonville headliner. Orton unseated Crazy Horse. Tag teamers Matsuda and Keomuka defeated Eric Pomeroy and Ray Andrews. Steve Bolus held Killer Cox to a draw. Lord Nelson Royal pinned Steve Kovacs.



Little Cloud uses an arm stretch to weaken Bette and sets her up for the finisher. The two little ladies had the fans in a tizzie with their grappling skills.

Curtis, a favorite with the folks here in Jacksonville, made them happy by defeating Big Bob Orton, even by disqualification, in the top match. The Assassins pinned Pomeroy and Andrews in a tag team get-together. Lewin defeated Valois to add more followers. Marva Scott upset Sweet Georgia Brown, and that's a good win for Marva. Keomuka scored over Jack Allen. Jerry London uncorked a surprise by defeating Killer Cox.

Again the three-man team of Graham, Curtis and Lewin banded against the Three Masked Assassins and the result was unchanged. The Graham trio scored two falls against one. Keomuka won over Orton by disqualification. Valois defeated Crazy Horse. Pomeroy drew with Cox, while Allen defeated Lord Royal.

In a star-studded card Cowboy Ellis came in to form a three-man team with Curtis and Lewin. This combo shoved the Three Masked Assassins further down in a Texas Death Match defeat when the hooded ones failed to answer the bell for fall number six. The last of the Assassins pinned was to unmask and he turned out to be Sonny Fargo.

An upset the fans found hard to be-



Two popular Oriental wrestlers who have done well in Florida, both as singles and as a tag-team are Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka.

lieve was the defeat of favorite Graham. He had to surrender his Southern title to Orton. The new champion won two of the three falls. Two lovelies, Indian Princess Little Cloud and Betty Boucher, gave the big turnout much to cheer about. Princess won but not before Betty gave a fine account. Keomuka, who wins his share, beat



Handsome Eric Pomeroy and partner Ray Andrews are among the top tag teams of the country. Eric does alright for himself on his own, as well.

Jerry London. Pedro Godoy bested Don Whitler.

Fan Clubs are springing up in Jacksonville, with youngsters leading the way. President Bonnie Rector and vice president Suzanne Reisen, of Ribault Senior High School, organizing a Don Curtis Club, seek members.

RW MAT MAIL

MILDRED BURKE SPEAKS UP

Remember me, Mildred Burke? Fabulous Moolah never defeated me. Only June Byers did it in a protest match. What should have been a three fall match was decided after she took the first fall. She's the best now. Ella Waldek is second. I read and love your magazine. Where is old champion Clara Mortenson. Why isn't Moolah matched against June Byers?

Mildred Burke,
Former Champion

ED. NOTE: *We have a letter for you, which was returned from the Chateau Marmont in Hollywood. Please let us know where to forward it.*

A QUERY FROM ENGLAND

I am a keen wrestling fan and follow the news on your side of the Atlantic by reading "Ring Wrestling" and "The Ring." One thing that puzzles me is that in both magazines for the same month the world ratings are different. "The Ring" says Tag team champions are Kurt and Karl von Brauner. In "Ring Wrestling" it says Skull Murphy and Brute Bernard, and so on, both men and women. Why?

We have a good arena in Croydon, with wrestling by Dale Martin Promotions.

I wonder if you could give me any information on "Irish Iver Pat Barnett." We have some great Irish wrestlers over here, Southern area Champ Mick McManus, Iron Jaw Joe Murphy, Mick and Seamus Donlevy and Tiger Ryan.

Looking forward to your next magazine, the best.

Ron Boak
East Croydon,
Surrey, England

Ed. Note: "Ring Wrestling" comes out only every other month. "The Ring" is published monthly. The ratings are dictated by the most recent developments. Your Croydon operation is highly commended by American wrestlers, notably George Drake.

MAYHEM IN MONTREAL

Until recently I was an ardent supporter of Edouard Carpentier. Now that's all off. Montreal Forum headlined Carpentier against Dr. Jerry Graham. The match began in the "hero-villain" manner. Graham

held out his hand firmly for Carpentier to shake. The Frenchman backed off into his corner. Carpentier took the first fall after ten minutes of hard fighting.

Graham was remarkably decent, considering his usual style. He took the second fall in about two minutes, after giving Ed a real beating.

The third bout scarcely had begun, when Graham wound up outside the ropes. Carpentier whipped Graham alternately down the ring-side into the corner-posts. Then he began banging Graham's head savagely until it was bleeding fast.

Carpentier made a degrading spectacle of himself. In the light of his talk about "wrestling should be made clean," "I will bring honor to the wrestling profession." What drivell.

Ken Eveleigh
Montreal, Que.

WANTS RULES REVISED

I enjoy your magazines very much.

I think there should be a revision of the rules governing "after bout behavior."

It seems even after the opponent has conceded there is no provision to keep the winner from further stomping, kicking, beating and otherwise manhandling the loser.

Let's make rules and make them stick—a few disqualifications of this type of treatment should give some of these wrestlers new ring manners.

A Ring Wrestling Fan

A BIG HAND FOR DePAOLO

Your magazine is the best of its kind. I enjoyed the story on the Destroyer. How about stories on Billy Goelz and Ilio DePaolo. The Goelz & Gilbert tag team is amazing.

Billy Goelz is a former Midwest heavyweight champion and DePaolo is the best. He has beaten such stars as Fritz (claw) Von Erich, Bill Miller, Buddy Austin, Johnny Barend, Mike Gallagher, Doc Gallagher, Johnny Valentine, Jerry Graham, Tony Borne, Pepper Gomez, J. P. Henning, Bill Watson, and many, many more.

If Lou Thesz gives Ilio a shot at the belt DePaolo will win. DePaolo and Goelz as a tag team would be undefeated.

Johnny Dubey,
Berlin, New Hampshire

HE HATES THOSE BRUTES!

I have been a wrestling fan for thirty years and always enjoy a clean scientific match. But I regret to say that wrestling has deteriorated to nothing less than a brutal caveman spectacle that makes bull fighting, not allowed in the U.S., a respectable sport.

I hope that promoters will soon come

to their senses and employ referees who are not blind, and who have enough respect for the many nice clean American young men to put on a good show.

Kowalski, The Shadow, Hans Schmit, Brute Bernard, Skull Murphy, The Destroyer, The Great Mortier, and those imported Russian brutes are not wrestlers.

W. A. Burkhart
Callicoon, N. Y.

A SUBSCRIBER FOR LIFE!

Your mat mag is terrific, better than any other mag I have ever seen. Especially enjoyed the article on Hackenschmidt. Fleischer did a wonderful job. I loved article on Ronny Read, and Bernard & Murphy. I think Loubet and the rest are doing great jobs. I think the Fargos are a couple of crumbs. Have subscribed for the year and probably the rest of my life.

I voted in the Beauty Contest for Ethel Johnson—a dish. How about stories on Hans Mortier, Strangler Lewis, Buddy Rogers, Dory Dixon, Brenda Scott, Sailor Thomas, Magnificent Maurice and Primo Carnera?

L. Haas
River Edge, N. J.

A BLAST FROM CALIFORNIA

We wrestling fans in Southern California are getting fed up with the World Wrestling Associates. The management of W.W.A. must think we So. Californians are a bunch of babbling idiots!! Bearcat Wright successfully defended his W.W.A. World Crown against Freddie Blassie. Blassie wrestled Wright less than two weeks after he underwent an emergency appendectomy in Culver City Hospital.

On the televised bouts from the Olympic Aud., T.V. commentator Dick Lane announced that Edouard Carpentier was recognized as the W.W.A. World Champ because of "non-appearance." That was the only explanation given. There was no match scheduled between Edouard and the Bearcat. How come?

Bob Pettitt
Pomona, Calif.

A LOAD OF THANKS TO RING WRESTLING

A load of thanks to Ring Wrestling for running a beauty contest for women wrestlers. I think it is a swell idea. Let us end the contest in a battle of the beauties.

An elimination wrestling match between the monthly winners would put an interesting end to the contest. It would leave us with a beautiful girl and an accomplished wrestler.

I would like to see these girls in action in addition to their posed shots.

Jean Raia
East Paterson, N. J.



But . . . it turns out that the Stranger's real beef traces to his wife's elopement with wrestler.

By DAN DANIEL

SCENE: The sumptuous offices of the Universal Guide to Wrestling, Karate, Judo and Human Uplift. The Editor is smoking a nickel cigar presented to him by a Lady Grappler. A Stranger is ushered into the Sanctum.

Stranger: I have a beef.

Editor: Very interesting. But this is not a butcher shop.

Stranger: Ho, ho, ho! I have a squawk. I am a one-man campaign against Silly Aliases in wrestling. I am for every grappler coming out in his true colors and in his native garb.

Editor: Wrestling appears to be doing okeh as it is. What do you have in your mind in a concrete way?

Stranger: Well, about this Hans Von Schmeckenwasser, who is supposed to have been Hitler's back

washer. I went to school with this guy out in Kansas. He is Freddy Frisk, whose father ran a grocery in Circleville. Freddy doesn't know Hitler was alive.

Editor: Has Frisk harmed you in any way by adopting the pseudonym of Hans Von Schmeckenwasser? Do you know that Cary Grant really is a guy named Archie Leach?

Stranger: You play up this Vicious Viper from India, the Great Brahma Bull. I know his wife's cousin. This Bull used to have a xylophone act in vaudeville. His real name is Andy Hawkins and he hasn't been closer to India than Catalina Island.

Editor: Has the Vicious Viper hurt you, your family, your business, by not being billed as Andy Hawkins? Do you know Jack Benny's real moniker? You couldn't even spell it.

Stranger: In a recent issue you had a big story about the Bear Man from the Salt Mines of Ghana. There are no salt mines in Ghana. This has developed a lot



of trouble for Ghana, which does not wish to be known as a salt mines nation, being a new entry. They may have to import a salt mine.

Editor: Mr. Stranger, were you ever in Wichita Falls, Texas? There are no falls in Wichita Falls. Have you ever been in Rocky Mount, N. C.? There is neither rock nor mound anywhere near the town.

Stranger: I think that all these wrestlers who are working under aliases could do better if they revealed their true selves. Did you ever see a boxer labelled the Masked Marvel? Or the Great What Is It? Or the Horror Man from Hindustan?

Editor: You are confusing two different specialties in sport. Boxing is not wrestling and wrestling is not boxing. In short, what are you really steamed up about?

Stranger: I want wrestling to regain its old dignity.

Editor: Oh, you want those old hours of boredom to come back, with \$236.75 in the house and the promoter heading for another town with unpaid bills. You crave the old time bush status quo.

Stranger: I have seen this lady wrestler named Moo-



mous.

Editor: How many times would Willie wrestle in Topeka? You just don't make sense. I have to say this at the risk of losing you as a subscriber.



lah. How dignified is that? Why can't she grapple under a proper name, like Miss Daisy Ashcroft?

Editor: What would happen if the announcer went to the center of the ring and hollered, "In this corner, Miss Daisy Ashcroft, of the New Haven Ashcrofts?" The fans would holler the gal off the mat.

Stranger: Now this story about the Italian Bull, who is supposed to be descended from the bears who gave Rome Romulus and Remus. If he is a bear, how can he be a bull?

Editor: The man's manager obviously got mixed up in his zoology. If Rome says that it was founded by two guys who were nurtured by a couple of bears, why can't Tony Lambroso wrestle as the Bear or the Bull or the Mongoose?

Stranger: I think that if Willie Whiskers, from Topeka, wrestled as Willie Whiskers he would attract local fans, whereas under a mat name he is any-

Stranger: I am not one of your subscribers.

Editor: Oh, you buy our magazine on the news stands?

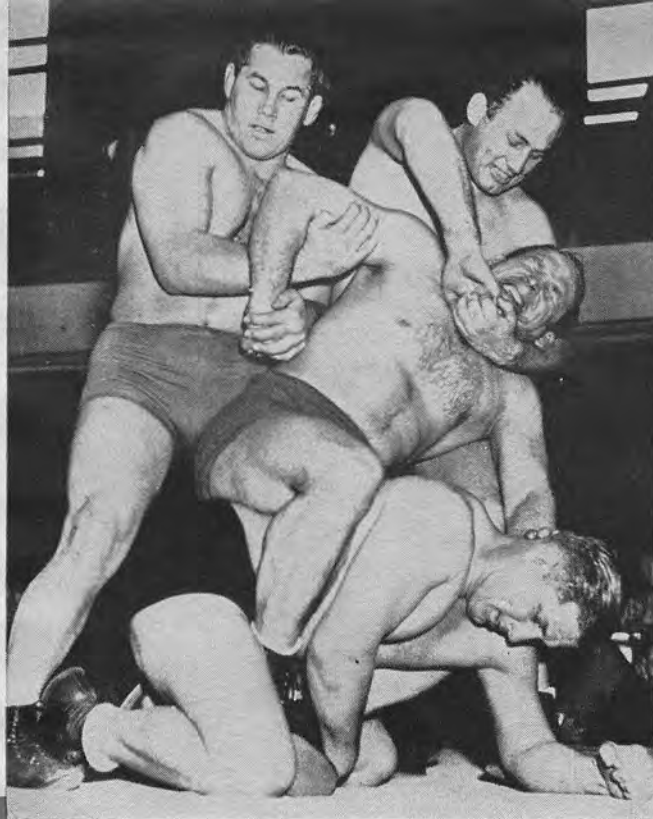
Stranger: I don't buy it at all. I see it in my dentist's office.

Editor: Very interesting. Now, then, come clean. What's your real trouble?

Stranger: Well, my wife ran away with a wrestler and I can't find out his real name. I went to the cops and told them that she eloped with the Wild Bull of the Plains. The sergeant said, "Man, are you kiddin'?" Who is this Wild Bull?

Editor: Well, there is the Wild Bull of the Plains, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, the Wild Bull of India, and the Wild Bull of Texas. Take your pick.

Stranger: You are highly informative. If I know my wife, she could have run off with all those bulls. I believe I will go home and take a nap. . . .END.



A SIZZLER IN ST. LOO

Tom Packs' 1940 wrestling season in Missouri metropolis was loaded with famous names.

By **BOB NITSCHÉ**

ST. LOUIS, is known for the baseball Cardinals, "The St. Louis Blues," the Mississippi River, good jazz and hot summers. St. Louis also is renowned as a great wrestling center, a distinction it has held for many decades.

The St. Louis area produced, in the early '30s, probably more first rate wrestlers than any other locale in any given period of time. A cursory list includes Lou Thesz, Warren Bockwinkel, Ray Eckert, Joe Millich, Al Szasz, Leo "The Lion" Newman, and earlier, the Garibaldi brothers.

One could pick any year at random in St. Louis wrestling history and find much of historical value and memory provoking interest. 1940 was such a year, when Tom Packs was a big star in the promoting firmament. Packs promoted two shows a month, excepting the Summer months, and his talent included all-time greats and others active to this day.

Bronko Nagurski, the Minnesota and Chicago Bears football great, was National Wrestling Association Champion as 1940 opened. He had defeated Thesz the previous Summer in Texas. Top challengers included Ray Steele, George Zaharias, Jim McMillen, Everett Marshall and Sandor Szabo.

Packs' first 1940 show featured Steele against Len Macaluso. Macaluso, former Colgate football star, earned

main event billing by defeating Thesz on the last St. Louis card in 1939. Steele defeated Macaluso in 44 minutes, after Zaharias drew with Danno O'Mahony in the semi-final. Chicago's Ruffy Silverstein made his St. Louis debut on the card, defeating Pat Kelly.

More than 4,000 fans saw the late January card in which Steele retained his top challenger's rating by defeating O'Mahony. Macaluso drew with Marshall, Thesz defeated Dorv Roche and Silverstein was the victor over Hans Schnabel.

Nagurski defended his title on both February cards, taking Macaluso in the first and dropping Thesz in thirty minutes on the second, viewed by 6,000 fans.

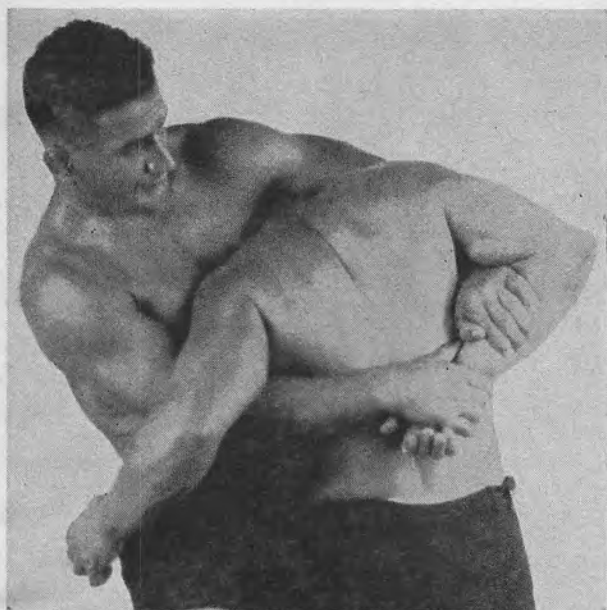
The March 7 card pitted Steele against Nagurski for the title. Steele earned the match with his January main event wins in St. Louis and a winning record elsewhere in the Midwest. Nagurski had held the title for eight months. Nine thousand St. Louisans in attendance were hoping for a change. They weren't disappointed as Steele pinned the Bronk in 34:11 to gain the NWA Belt. Marshall and Thesz won matches on the undercard.

The French Angel, Maurice Tillet, came in for the second March card and easily beat Leo Lefebvre after Marshall defeated Jim McMillen in the semi.

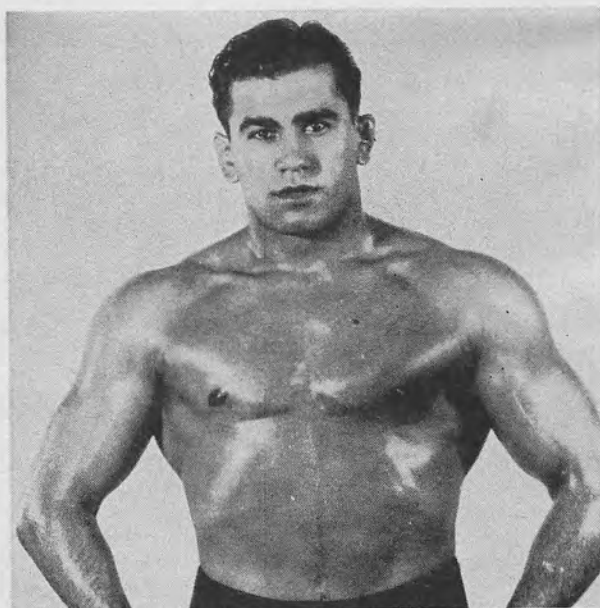
Steele made his first St. Louis defense of the title in April and took Hans

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On opposite page, the renowned Duseks, the one family gang of the wrestling world. (Top to bottom): Ernie, Joe, Emil and Rudy. (Right): This Handsome Cowboy is not from the Silver Screen, but Everett Marshall, one of the outstanding grapplers of his era. Marshall was a popular idol in St. Louis two decades ago.



Ray Steele used his hammer-lock to subdue Len Macaluso in the first show of the 1940 St. Louis season. It took 44 minutes for Ray to triumph over the ex-Colgate football hero. Steele later won recognition as world champion by downing Bronko Nagurski.



Recognize this young man? He is Lou Thesz, as he looked in 1940. That was more than 24 years ago but Lou was already one of the top performers of Matdom. Today he still rates among the best, not only of contemporary wrestlers but of all-time.



Dr. B. F. Roller

***Doc was greatest
all around athlete
yet recruited by
professional
mat ranks.***

ONLY SURGEON WHO

PROFESSIONAL wrestling has drawn recruits from all walks of life. But, in so far as is known, it has reached into the ranks of our surgeons only once, to lure Dr. Benjamin Franklin Roller from his medical career to the mat.

Dr. Roller was one of the numerous college athletes of class who became attracted to wrestle-for-pay. Campus heroes still are being drawn to the mat despite the tremendous financial opportunities offered by the National and American Professional Football Leagues.

Had either of these organizations been in business in Doc Roller's day he doubtless would have gone into one or the other. He was a gridiron star at De Pauw and later played for many outstanding independent elevens around the country.

Not only wrestling but professional boxing, as well, have drawn heavily on the athletic resources of our college heroes. The ring has recruited Bob Pastor, NYU, Steve Hamas, Penn State, Jack Torrence, Louisiana State, Monte Munn, Nebraska, Phil Brubaker, California, Chuck Davy, Michigan State, Roland La Starza, City College of New York, Billy Soose, Penn State, Lou Molina, San Jose, Nate Brooks, Cleveland, and Willard McClure, Toledo's Olympian.

The number of college men in pro wrestling far has exceeded that of the boxers. This in spite of the fact that the pro wrestling ranks attract only the big football men, and the ring draws from all weight classes.

Dr. Roller was the first campus hero to be drawn into wrestling. He was a contemporary of Frank Gotch, whom he met on several occasions and against whom he comported himself with considerable success, skill and public approbation.

Other grappling stars of Doc Roller's time were George Hackenschmidt, Tom Jenkins, the Byyszkos, Zbyszkos, and Americus, born Gus Schoenlein.

Dr. Roller was recruited for wrestling by Jack Curley, who was one of our outstanding managers and promoters in boxing as well as the mat game.

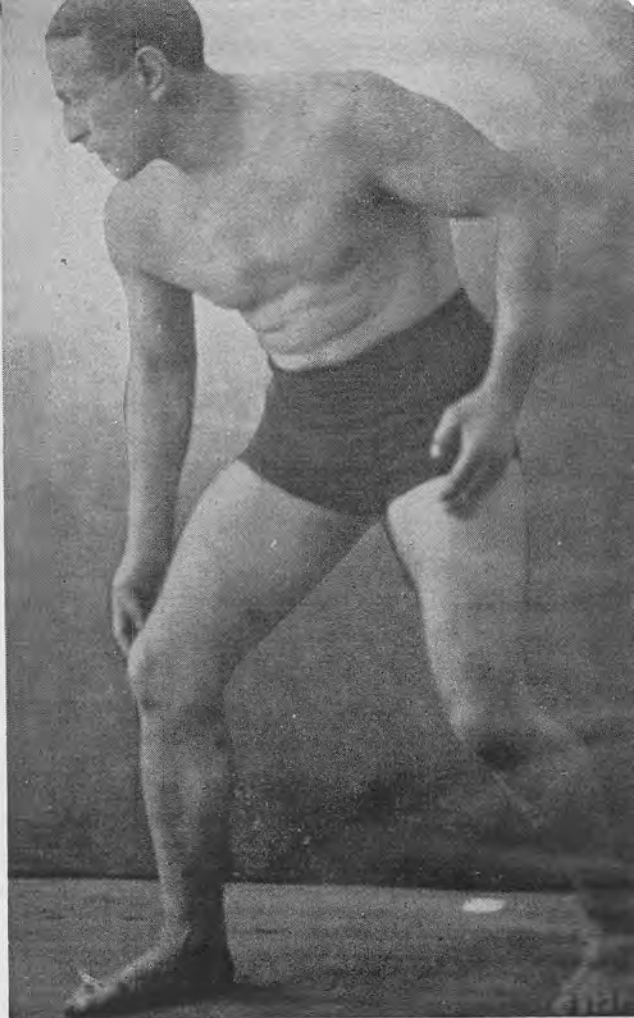
Jack spotted Roller after the medico had been graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Curley picked well and had the satisfaction of seeing Roller achieve the world championship.

In Doc Roller's first engagement with Gotch, on October 12, 1906, there was a time limit of one hour. Frank was expected to dispose of the De Pauw-Penn Medical athletic well within



On far left, Dr. Roller when he was physical director at Washington State. The middle photo shows him as in his surgical career. On extreme right, the doctor in role of pro wrestler.



BECAME WRESTLER

By Nat Fleischer

the 60 minutes. But Roller amazed the fans and the experts by preventing Gotch from getting a fall.

This turned the spotlight on the doctor and he became a big attraction, especially in New York and Philadelphia.

In 1909 Doc was not so successful against Gotch, who threw him in both matches they put on in Kansas City.

To list Dr. Roller's outstanding matches would take far more space than is available here. Suffice it to say that he met them all and never put on a bad performance.

How would he go in these days of assorted types of mayhem, leaps from the ropes, and a hundred other unorthodox stunts? I believe that Doc would have shown a trick or two even in that type of struggle.

Dr. Roller was born on a farm near Newman, Ill., July 1, 1876. At the age of seventeen he matriculated in the preparatory department of De Pauw University and in May, 1898 he was graduated from that institution.

He had specialized in biology and in the fall of 1898 he entered the medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated in June, 1902.

He was the star athlete of De Pauw, captain of the football

eleven, wrestling forces and the track team for two years.

At Pennsylvania he was banned from participation in athletics due to the four year rule.

Because of that he turned to professional sports. He served for several years as head of the department of hygiene and physical culture at Washington State University.

His interest in sports, particularly wrestling, was so keen that in 1909 he resigned from his college post and placed himself under the guidance of Curley as a professional wrestler. Four years later he laid claim to the pro catch-as-catch-can championship of the United States after having defeated Charles Cutler, of Chicago, a close pal of Gotch, at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Dr. Roller was a star on such top pro football teams as the Pennsylvania A.C. in 1898; D.C. and A.C. club of Pittsburgh in 1900; Philadelphia Club in 1901 and 1902; and Bert Kennedy's famous Franklin City team in Pennsylvania, which won the championship in 1902.

In 1905 the San Francisco A.C. had what was reputed to be the greatest independent football team in the West. Doc Roller was captain of this machine, which (Continued on page 55)

TOKYO TARGET OF

Varsity heroes help
on all levels in

WRESTLING at all levels this year is achieving its greatest measure of success since the Gotch heyday.

National interest and competitive strength are rising to a peak never before reached in this or any other country. There is a boom in professional wrestling, and in college and high school competition. Colleges which used to have boxing teams as well as mat representation have left the fistic ring and concentrated all the more on the mat.

The boom in amateur grappling is especially notable because this is an Olympic year. The 1964 international games are being held in Tokyo, where extraordinary arrangements have been made to insure world-wide representation, ideal conditions and, above all, fair decisions.

At Rome in 1960 the quality of officiating was not rated very high, on the average. The worst conditions were encountered by our boxers.

Uncle Sam's hopes in the Tokyo wrestling tournament aim at considerable improvement over our showing at Rome, where we won three of the eight gold medals. Turkey took four and Germany one. In the 1956 Olympic games we failed to take a single title.

Uncle Sam's winners at Rome all were from Oklahoma—welterweight Douglas Blubaugh, Ponca City, bantamweight Terry McCann, Tulsa, and lightweight Shelby Wilson, Ponca City.

MICHIGAN

WOLVERINES RETAINED BIG TEN WRESTLING TITLE WITH 56 POINTS TO IOWA'S 42 AND INDIANA'S 35.

Blubaugh was 25, McCann 26, and Wilson 23. At this time there is no prospect of their going back for more medals, at Tokyo. However, our free-style field looks very impressive.

The college field has been prolific of class this year. The AAU also has been very active in promoting the sport.

As the surprising Wilson proved at Rome, there is no telling to what heights a competitor will rise in the white heat of international competition. Wilson was No. 2 choice in the tryouts but his showing in camp gave him a place on our team.

The college contingent would not be surprised if Michigan had something to say about the medal distribution in Tokyo. The Wolverines have been going through an impressive schedule of fourteen meets leading up to the Big Ten and NCAA championships.

Michigan came into this season with seven of the wrestlers who helped to win the Western Conference title last year.

The success of the Wolverines traces, in a large measure, to the splendid coaching of the veteran Cliff Keen, who has been on the job for 39 years and only twice has seen his charges finish as low as third in the Big Ten. Keen-coached teams have won ten Western Conference championships, with fourteen second places. Cliff is from Oklahoma A and M, with a Michigan law degree.

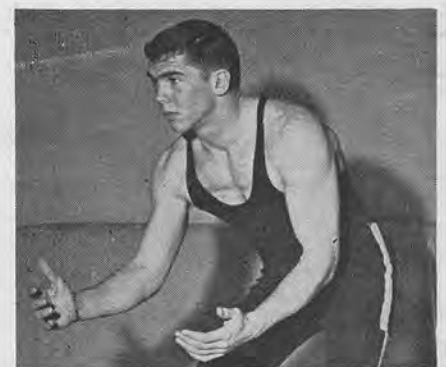
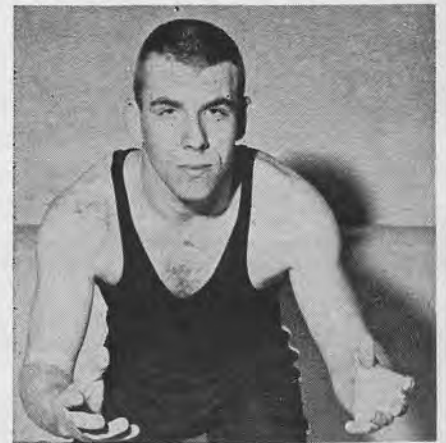
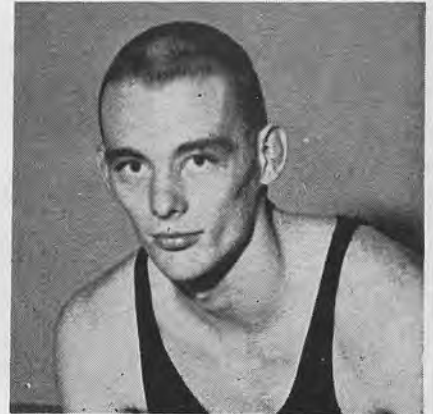
Quite a few Michigan wrestlers have gone pro. Most notable of these was Ed Don George, who for a time was the world champion.

Keen's assistant is Denny Fitzgerald, who also has charge of the freshman football team. Denny will be remembered in Michigan football as the hero of a 99-yard touchdown run against Michigan State.

The star of the Michigan mat team is Rick Bay, 167 pound Big Ten champion.

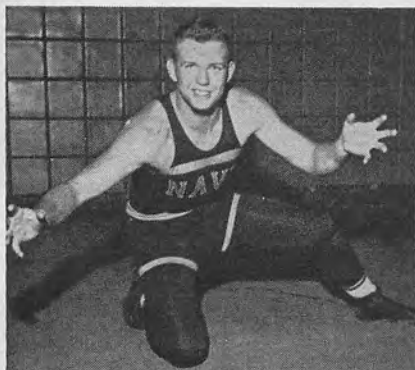
Others working under Keen are Cal Jenkins, 137 pound sophomore; Lee Deitrick, 147 pound junior; Bill Johannesen, 167 pound sophomore; and Chris Stowell, who shows in the 177 pound class.

(Top to Bottom) Four of the top grapplers on the Big Ten Championship University of Michigan team. Lee Deitrick, 147 lbs.; Rick Bay, 167 lbs.; Chris Stowell, 177 lbs.; and Bob Spaly, Heavy-weight.



COLLEGE MAT STARS

to stress tremendous year
American Wrestling.

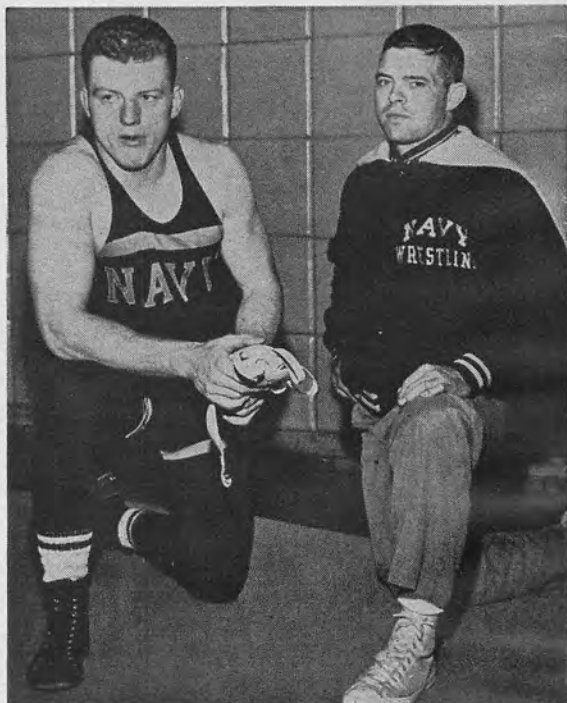


130 pounder Gerry Franzen, rated among the Midshipmen's best.

By DAN DANIEL

Navy's wrestling Coach Ed Peery and team Capt. Dave Carey talk things over before a meet in Annapolis Field House. Carey is a 167 pounder.

FIRST OF A SERIES ON THE TOP COLLEGE WRESTLING TEAMS



NAVY

At Annapolis, Ed Peery has been working with a very interesting Navy squad.

Ed's key men have been Dave Carey, 167 pounder who won the Coast Guard championship. Another CG leader is Bob Sanders, in the 147 pound division.

Johnny Nichols, heavyweight, yet another CG title winner, and Wayne Hicks, wrestling in the 137-147 pound areas, tone up an impressive bunch.

Syracuse, which won the championship of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association last year, has another fine team but has been hampered by the absence of 191 pound Gerry Everling and the heavyweight Jim Nance, unlimited NCAA winner last season.

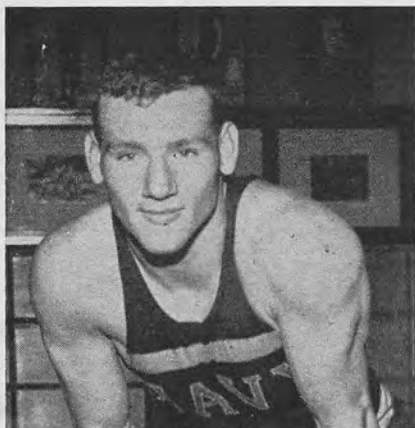
Navy's squad features, among others, 167 pounders Pete Morgan and Tom Grim; 157 pounders Mike Holman, Buff Wiley, and Andre Rivamonte; 137 pounders Denny Farrar and Brian Kennedy; 123 pounders Fred Crawford, Dale Lucas and Tom Cooney; 177 pound Gerry Franzen; and 130 pounders Bill Widhelm and Johnny Kish.

In addition to Nichols, Peery's heavyweights are Larry Kocisko and Bob Kocher.

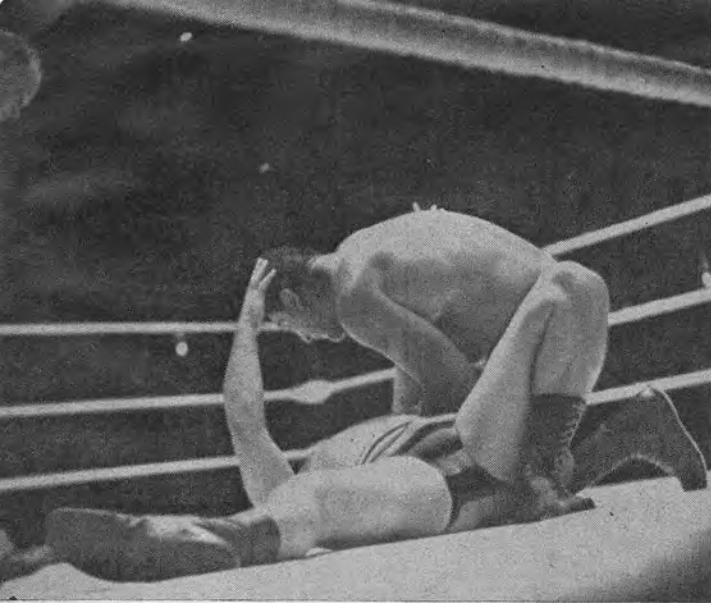
The US Olympic team expects to get considerable help from Oklahoma State, Iowa and Oklahoma. Cornell also may show up as an interesting source.



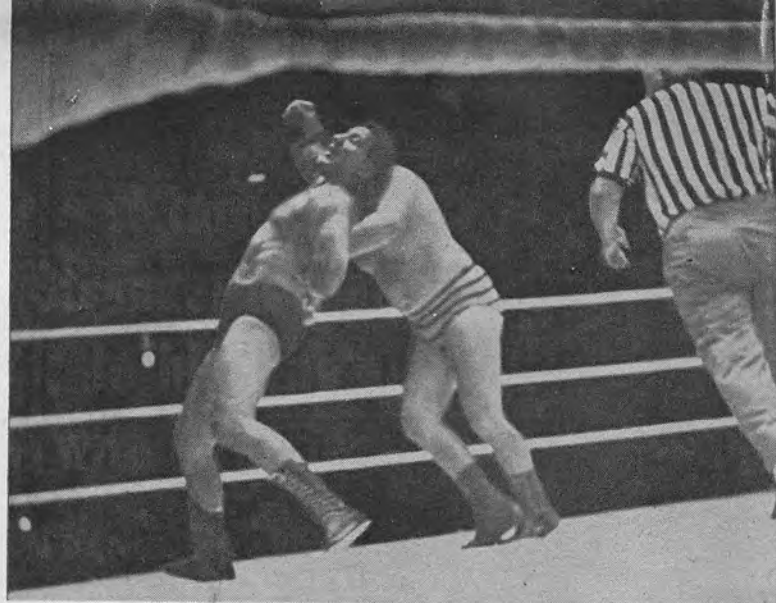
Heavyweight John Nichols, who was Coast Guard Champion last year.



Bob Sanders, 147 pounder who also won a Coast Guard title last year.



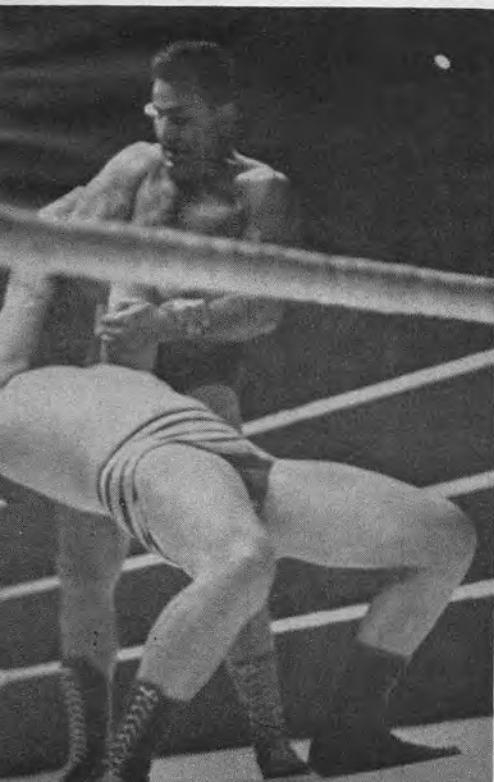
This Gordon match with Angelo Poffo is a real slam-banger, in which both men took heavy punishment. Angelo tries to pull Ray's hair in an attempt to break an arm-bar.



Gordon grimaces in pain as he attempts to run out of a reverse armlock clamped on viciously by Poffo. They take turns dishing out boffs.



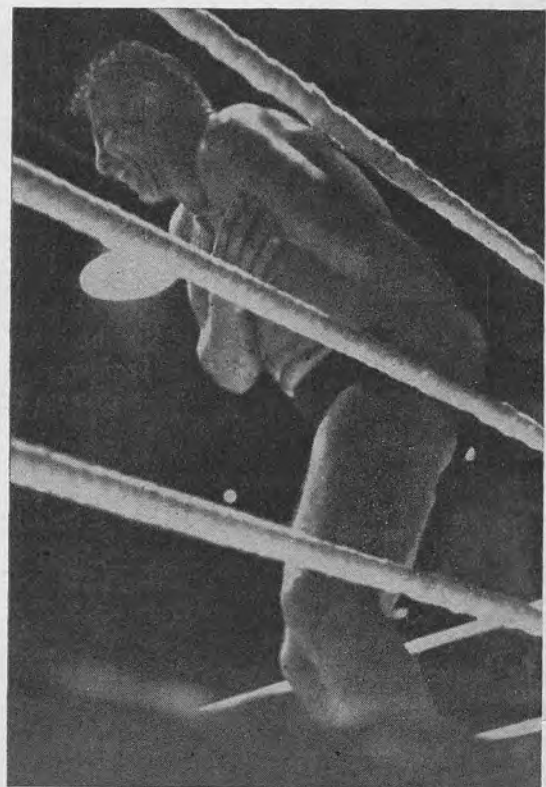
(Above) Once again Ray puts Angelo on the mat with an arm-bar. Gordon works on his opponent's arm, weakening them. (Below) Angelo bends over backwards in agony, as Gordon continues to work on the left arm of his foe.



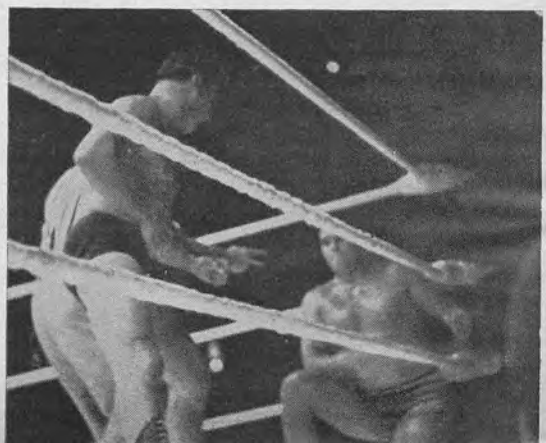
*"I Can
Dish
It
Out!"*

By

RAY GORDON



(Above) The shoe is on the other foot. Ray holds his left shoulder after being tossed across the ring, with an arm pull and whip. (Below) Angelo cringes in the corner, as Ray bellows, "Come on, Get Up and Fight".



***The match between Gordon,
Fighting New Zealander,
and Angelo Poffo was
fought in Kiel Auditorium,
St. Louis. Promoters, Bobby
Burns and Bill Longson,
former wrestling stars.***



Ray (Left) and Poffo offer each other the best of luck, before their ruckus got under way. Once the bell sounded it was the end of Brotherly Love.

as told to Gene Gordon

I WAS a short order cook in a New Zealand restaurant when I met Anton Kulman, well known European trainer, who taught me how to dish it out another way. Kulman was instrumental in my turning to wrestling professionally.

I had been a fair amateur but had not thought seriously about turning to the pros until that day in Wellington when I met Anton. (R.W. editors found out that Gordon had held the New Zealand championship four times.)

Let's not get into how I got the name of Ray Gordon other than to state that my real moniker is Dominick Hrstick. I was born in Dalmatia, Yugoslavia, whence my family moved to New Zealand when I was still a youngster. (R.W. editor discovered that Ray had changed his name five years ago. Sports writers and announcers had been finding it troublesome to pronounce the vowel-shy Hrstick.)

As a bachelor I felt I could take the gamble so I fed myself real good at the restaurant where I worked while training for my future. I finally found myself in Europe where with good luck and hard work I managed to win the European light heavyweight championship in Greco-Roman style.

I like lamb chops, my favorite dish, tossed salad with French dressing, baked potato, no dessert, a glass of milk. I stay away from candy and desserts.

I do some work with the weights and a lot of running to keep my legs in shape. (That he is in top condition is evident as you look over this six feet one inch 228 pounder.)

This running around the globe, wrestling, is very educating but trying as the devil on a guy's nerves. Lucky I'm a bachelor, although I've been close to the trough a couple of times.

During the eight years I've been a professional the tensions of wrestling are relaxed by listening to good music and at night taking it easy at the TV. Of course, I can have a good time with the proper type of gal in a night out on the town. I'm not one of those way out guys but neither am I a square.

I get a kick out of swimming, handball, boating and just plain sunbathing.

I moved from New Zealand to Europe, then to Canada, where I met all of the top boys and gained experience. Then came my move to get all the peanuts. I came to America. I have met many of the best.

Dick Hutton, one-time world champ, was very strong and tough, Pat O'Connor, also from New Zealand, was the most scientific of my adversaries; Buddy Rogers, another ex-world

champ, was unusually fast, strong and rough; Wild Bill Longson was one of the best I ever met. Lou Thesz is the top man I've wrestled to date.

In 1962 I managed to win the Central States crown in Kansas City with a rugged customer, Hans Schmidt. Now I would like a chance at the world championship but I am constantly getting the side step by the supposedly fearless heroes who wear world crowns.

I've proved my ability by meeting Verne Gagne and Killer Kowalski, who are among the elite.

The sport should pay off for the wrestler who has spent the time and energy that I have put in to learn how to wrestle scientifically. I have a few special holds that I use more than others, my arm drag, atomic drop, aeroplane spin, and a drop kick or two, but a good wrestler should use those holds which can be applied at the moment, in accordance with a foe's build, speed, skill and temperament. I don't go for setting up one type of offense. You have to use the old noggin.

Fast thinking can be decisive, the difference between winning or trouble.

I can thank Pat O'Connor and Abe Jacobs, another New Zealander, for their help in my early days. One of wrestling's all-time greats, who was famous in the 1930-1940's era, Bobby Bruns, coached me to perfect my technique when I came to the U.S.

Bruns now makes his headquarters in St. Louis where he books wrestlers all over the country. I always look forward to seeing Bobby.

I come from a family who have been wrestlers of some repute. My two older and heavier brothers cut a fair swath for themselves in Europe a few years ago. George, a 260 pounder, and Dave, a 280er, were the giants of their period and dumped many an opponent onto the rosin.

My brothers have now retired in New Zealand where they operate a restaurant which the three of us own.

Apparently I will end up in the restaurant business. I hope I haven't forgotten all I knew about being a short order cook.

Right now I would like to concentrate on becoming the world champ.

I remember my first pro matches. One was with Abe Jacobs, who encouraged me by backing up Kulman that if I stayed with it and paid the price I could be one of the best.

I hope I have not let either of these men down.



Morales finds himself high in the world. Trouble is, Chihuahua is holding him up there, and Pedro is pained.

**MORALES, PUERTO RICAN BORN IDOL,
WHO NOW MAKES HIS HOME IN
BROOKLYN, WRESTLING PRO SINCE
1958. HIS GOOD LOOKS HAVE MADE HIM
A FAVORITE OF THE FEMALE FANS, AND
HIS ACTION PACKED STYLE APPEALS TO
MALE WRESTLING ENTHUSIASTS.**

By SAM COHEN

AT 22, Pedro Morales already is a veteran of several years' campaigning in the violent world of pro wrestling. It was largely his sister Ida's idea that the native of Culebra, Puerto Rico, took up the rough trade at a somewhat tender age.

The handsome, affable (outside the ring, that is) Morales, who attended a Brooklyn high school, tells about it in fair English flavored with speech mannerisms stemming from his Puerto Rican origin.

It appears, from his account, that sister Ida, a nurse, became interested in wrestling and a viewer of TV grappling through a girl friend who had a brother working in a New York gym where matmen worked out. The excitement and glamor stirred a provocative thought which led Ida to pose an understandable question to her brother: "*why not take up the profession?*"

Pedro is older than Ida but he listened to the kid sister and acted on the suggestion after a reasonable period of training in a gym. He remembers his first bout—a TV match Nov. 11, 1958, at Sunnyside Garden. "*I was under age but say I am older,*" he recalls.

A busy career has followed for the earnest young matman, a crowd-pleaser who has worked in Canada, Mexico and his homeland. He is extending an Eastern campaign that has covered about five months, after battling in Texas.

Sometimes he dreams of wrestling grandeur and accompanying riches. But in a more practical sense, he has set his target on something more enduring than his present trade. Although reared in America, he wants to earn enough in the ring "*to have a farm in Puerto Rico.*"

Pedro is giving his autograph to Mrs. Tim Woods, wife of another pro, as kids look on in Bridgeport.



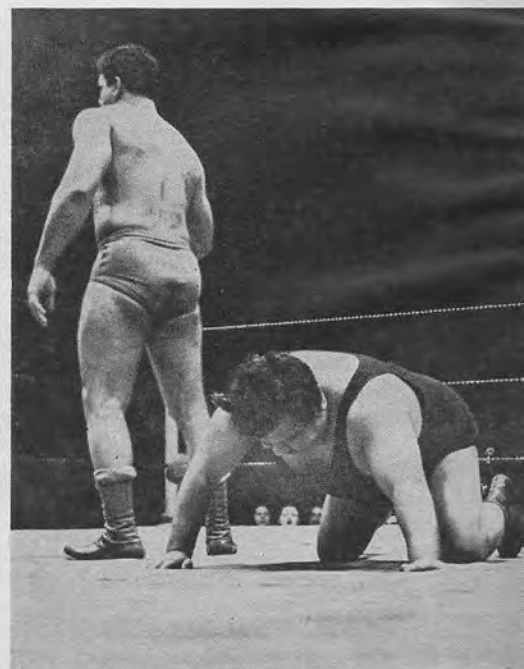
A few years back, Pedro with three years of professional wrestling behind him, was just beginning to become known. In his debut in Southern rings his action style, made possible by his agility and stamina, caused fans to nickname him the "Fireball from Culebra".

An exponent of the scientific school, Pedro can be a rugged opponent when his Latin temperament is aroused. His nimbleness is amazing in light of the 218 pounds he carts around on his six foot form.

One of the stronger grapplers, he utilizes the principles of leverage rather than brute strength as do many of his contemporaries.

Pedro put in quite a few years learning his trade by wrestling as an amateur. He never had any idea of turning to the pay for lump side of the business until some years later.

During his sixteenth year, Morales attained stardom as a simon-pure. By the time he was halfway through his seventeenth year he decided to turn pro and was on his way to fame and fortune.



(Above, left) The Puerto Rican adonis, via Brooklyn, is girding his loins for the fray. Center—Tension in the ring! Morales and Chihuahua are having a violent tussle. In last frame we see Morales, the winner, walking off without even offering to help Chihuahua to his feet!



(Above) This photo caught Waldo just as he began his daring leap from the ring post onto the prone form of an opponent. Commissions from Coast to Coast have threatened to ban this maneuver. (Right) The "Flying Hessian" is about to land upon the back of "The Beast" during their match in Buffalo, which was a real crowd rouser.

VIOLENT WALDO

Story and Photos by EARLE F. YETTER

BE it wrestling, baseball, football or parchesi, "You can't keep a good man down."

Among the current proofs of this statement in the grappling industry is Waldo Von Erich, younger brother of the famous Fritz.

It would seem that one Von Erich is sufficient when it comes to downright skull-duggery and other frenzied mat manipulations. But this 28 year old phenomenon is unbridled fury in action and has made it known that he is on the way to greater achievements than even brother Fritz.

Like Fritz, Waldo obtained his education at Southern Methodist University. When his college days came to an end he did not hesitate to pick out the sport that was to become his livelihood. He had seen Fritz run rampant on college grid-irons and later to become a wrestling star.

So, Wrestling would furnish his livelihood. He made up his mind that his mat career would rise above anything else he might want to undertake in this world. He would emulate his brother Fritz. There are many who believe that Waldo exceeds the wrestling viciousness of Fritz, if that be possible.

When young Waldo started on the mat, he thought that following the rules and being scientific would be best. However, when the blond youngster began to absorb huge quantities of abuse from some of the mat behemoths, he began to take a different attitude.

Off came the blond locks and instead he became the present crew-cut figure. He has made a complete transition from the nice guy he was to one that is just about the most controversial in wrestling.

It is amazing how a man can change almost over night. He has assumed a snarling attitude and is using everything in the book to achieve victory. His all-out assaults have placed him in an entirely different position and he is fast moving up among the contenders for the title.

Queried as to his reason for going ferocious Waldo replied, "I got tired of being a patsy for some of the gorillas I had to face, and now the shoe is on the other foot. When I changed my style I took charge and not my opponent. No more do I take unnecessary punishment and no matter who my opponent may be he knows he is in for a match."

"Wrestling is more than just walking into the ring and facing an opponent. I figure that the best man is the winner of most of the matches and I try to be that best man."

"It is the difference between being just an ordinary wrestler and one that wins at any costs. To get to the top in this business you have to pay the price and that is what I am doing . . . in blood, and sweat and injuries."

His attitude in the ring is one of arrogance. He struts around the ring previous to his battle, but all the while his mind is working and he is planning his strategy. He sizes up his op-



(Above) Another view of the spectacular jumps used by Waldo to subdue his opponents. The German is a clever and talented wrestler who can hold his own with any of the top grapplers in any style. (Below) The handsome Blond Teuton, with the looks of a Matinee Idol, is one of the top villains of the mat.

SEEKS THESZ

ponent and often argues with the referee during instructions. He is assuming a nasty attitude. When the bell rings Waldo comes out to finish his opponent in the quickest time possible and the result is a Knock Down and Drag Out battle.

In the dressing room, Waldo keeps to himself and doesn't have much to say to other wrestlers. He considers them all possible future opponents so the less said the better.

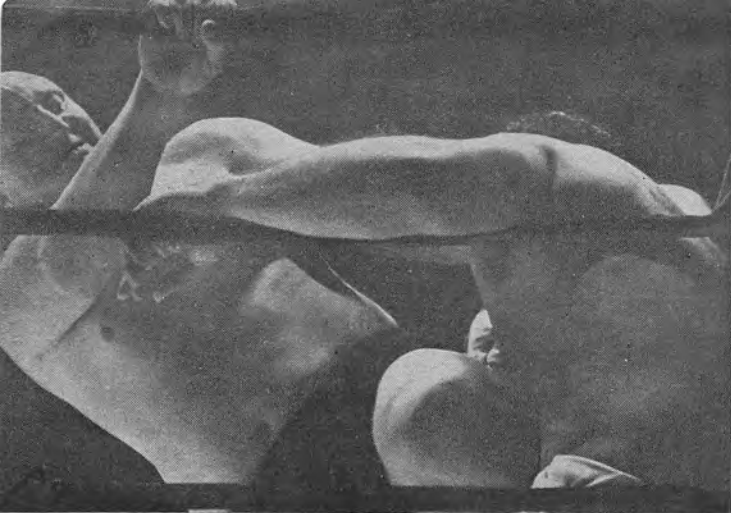
When he is nursing his battle wounds or desires to take time off from his busy schedule, you see him take to the woods all by himself. He communes with nature. All the while he is planning his future on the mat and it is one that offers unhappy consequences to opponents.

On occasions he forms a tag team with brother Fritz and they are just about the most controversial duo to come down the pike in the past year. It is a toss-up as to which can hand out the most punishment. However, they have gone their separate ways. Apparently, Waldo does not want to rest on the laurels attained by brother Fritz and is bent on making his own way.

He has defeated such top-flight performers as Pepper Gomez, Dick Steinborn, Carlos Rocha, Dory Dixon and Hercules Cortez. His battles with Pat O'Connor, Don Leo Jonathan, Bobo Brazil, Ray Stevens, Bob Ellis, The Beast, Dick (The Bruiser) Afflis, Cyza Nandor and Wilbur Snyder have moved him into national recognition.

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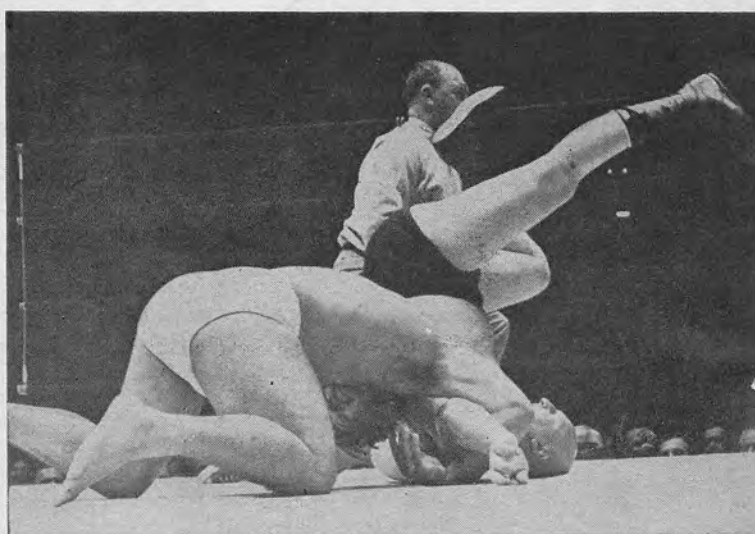
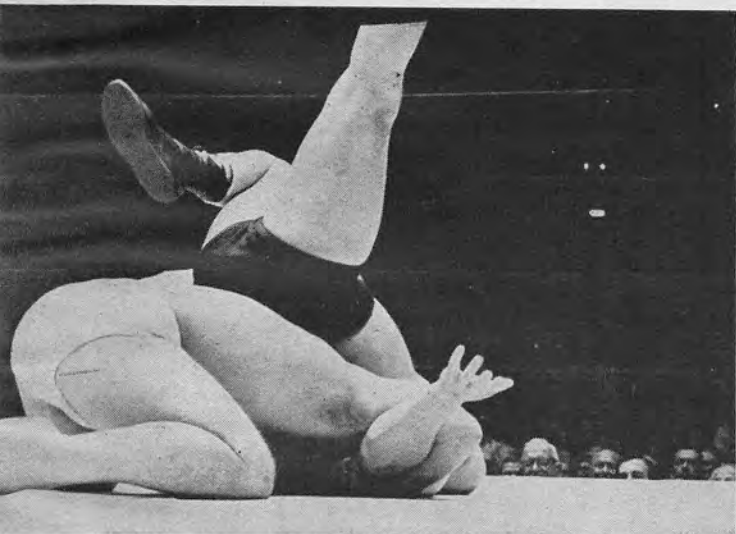




Argentine wrestler made pro debut at 15 and has been moving ahead ever since.

APOLLO STARS

(Above) Apollo and Skull Murphy slug it out in Madison Square Garden. Here Apollo lands a left that forces "Skull" to grab the ropes for support. (Lower left) Argentina tries for the pin as he has a shoulder hold. Murphy is trying to kick his way free. (Lower right) It looks as if Apollo has Murphy down but Skull is able to keep his shoulders off the mat and a few moments later kicks loose.



Story and Photos

By STEVE SANK

THE most overworked adjective in wrestling literature is "colorful." Next to that, "dramatic." Not often enough do we find the description of "able and skilled."

For the subject at hand, Vittorio Argentine Apollo, I lay claim to the right to use all of the adjectives and descriptive words. He has furnished the backing for their use with demonstrations galore in the ring.

This 23 year old strong athlete has proved himself in the United States as he has in other locales, and has excited the admiration and interest of every mat fan who has seen him in action.

Vittorio is vouched for and sponsored by Vince McMann, manager and promoter who is based in Washington. Vince does not pick losers. He does not waste his time on also-rans. He says, "This Argentinian is the real thing. He will make himself more money than Luis Angel Firpo ever took out of the boxing ring."

Now, then, who, why, whence, how and wherefore is this latter-day version of Apollo?

It appears to be best to start from the beginning. He stands one inch under six feet and weighs a solid 225. You don't have to be a Behemoth to be a champion. Note that Lou Thesz



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weighs no more than Vittorio and is only slightly taller.

Apollo was born in the Argentine in 1940. His father, a teacher of languages, saw to it that his son got the benefit of a well-rounded education. Vittorio showed strong leanings toward engineering and was trained in that direction.

In school Vittorio became a great soccer player and swimmer. His soccer form in high school raised the question of his going into that game professionally. Soccer stars make fortunes down there.

In swimming, Vittorio became a champion, representing a Buenos Aires athletic club.

Reared in a linguistic family, Vittorio speaks English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, plus the intricate lingo of the race of grapplers.

Apollo also plays the piano. He was taught by his mother, who is a teacher of music. What with music and languages, the seven members of the family had a merry time. He has two brothers and as many sisters.

Apollo became a professional wrestler at the early age of 15, something that does not happen in the USA. He started wrestling at 12, and soon established himself as the "Little League" Graceo-Roman champion of the Argentine.

Vittorio made his pro debut at Luna Park in Buenos Aires, the Madison Square Garden of that city.

Soon our Apollo began to move around South America, wrestling to titles in Peru, Chile, Brazil and Venezuela. Back he came to Luna Park, and the acclaim which goes to a champion.

He wasn't much older than eighteen at that point, and he enlisted in the Army. Oddly enough, they didn't sit him down at a desk, but made him the physical instructor for officers.

Vittorio made a brilliant record in the service, and at 20 was discharged with honors.

In 1961 Apollo's skills were being talked about in the USA, and attracted the interest of McMann. He sponsored the wrestler's entry into this country.

The privilege of furnishing his debut medium to Vittorio went to Charley Johnston's New York Garden show. The Argentine teamed up with Johnny Valentine against the famous Kangaroos. Apollo and Johnny won.

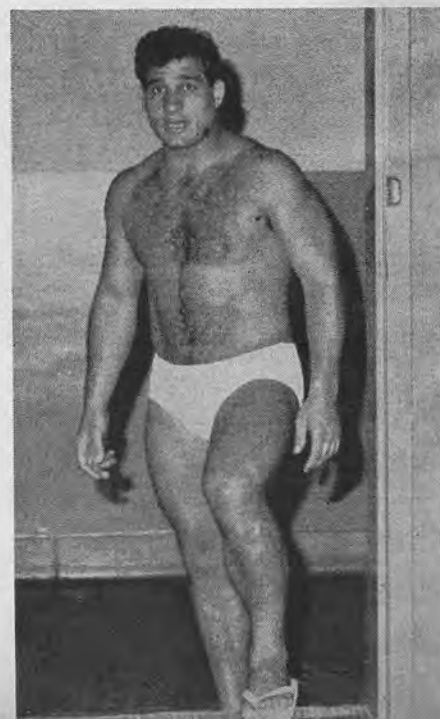
Soon they matched Vittorio with the great Buddy Rogers, and, much to the amazement of the American fans, the South American earned a draw.

As a wrestler, Apollo has a very attractive and effective style. He features



(Above left) Vittorio, who is a fine all-around athlete, takes his early morning exercise on the porch of his home in Long Island. (Above right) Apollo is joined by his charming wife Mary Lou as they go through the paces. (Below) He concludes his workout by lifting Mary Lou on his shoulder.

This photo of Apollo was taken as he was entering the dressing room in Madison Square Garden for the match with Murphy. His looks have made him a favorite of female fans.





Mary Lou gives a watchful glance at her husband as he practices his limbering up. Vittorio is able to kick higher than his head, a trick that many dancers cannot do. (Below) Mary Lou and Vittorio sit down at the piano to play a lullaby for their ten month old daughter Mary Catarina.



Apollo and his wife drink a toast to their good fortune at the bar in their playroom.

speed, fast moves, and his powerful legs, which were developed in soccer and swimming.

The Apollo Backbreaker is a murderous hold. He precedes his speed maneuvers with gymnastic gyrations, doing cartwheels all over the ring.

After five years of working on a deadly specialty, he developed the foot scissors, with pressure from the ankles.

His most dramatic weapon is the Flight of the Pampas. To put that over, Apollo climbs to the top of the ropes and sails into space and his opponent.

Two years ago Vittorio decided that the time had come to settle down and rear a family. He married Mary Lou, whom he met while she was a student at Hofstra College in Hempstead, Long Island, N.Y. Out of this marriage has come the ten months old Mary Catarina. Vittorio's home is in Huntington, Long Island.

Apollo's closest friend among the wrestlers is Bruno Sammartino. Bruno and Mrs. Sammartino attended Vittorio's wedding.

Mrs. Vittorio is no less accomplished than her husband as a linguist and they have fun with their friends at social gatherings confusing them with all sorts of quirks in lingo.

Apollo is being coached for his application for U.S. citizenship. In his offtime he builds model trains, planes, and boats. The missus and he are ardent lovers of the opera and miss few Italian performances when he is not professionally engaged.

Vittorio has received many trophies for many reasons in many countries. He prizes none more than the Popularity Award by the World Wide Wrestling Federation, through Willie Gilzenberg.

VIOLENT WALDO SEEKS THESZ

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He feels that his greatest battles lie in the future. His one concern is to get the shot at the world title. That decision is up to Champion Lou Thesz.

Arrogance is only one of young Waldo's attributes. He is a powerful young gladiator of 240 pounds. He has the confidence and the grit to mix with the greatest and he has not been found wanting in any regard. He is capable of giving out as much punishment as he receives and that is the brand of an up and coming youngster that cannot be disregarded by future opponents.

Not so long ago, against The Beast in Buffalo, Waldo ran into a rough embroglio all the way. The Sicilian was scheduled to face brother Fritz but the latter's plane was grounded by inclement weather. Waldo took Fritz's place on Pedro Martinez's all-star card.

When the Beast tried to clamp his vaunted "Bear-Hug" on Waldo he was met by a concentrated attack of vicious kicks and body blows. Ringsiders wondered what was holding the Beast up. Everytime The Beast tried his favorite hold, he was met by a ferocious onslaught and it was by far the greatest assault that the Beast had faced during his Buffalo campaign.

Ringsiders were sitting on the edge of their seats. Here was an opponent who was meeting The Beast at his own game, power and more power, mixed with choke holds, hair-pulls, and then authoritative elbow smashes to break The Beast's "Bear-Hug."

At one stage of the game Waldo kicked The Beast out of the ring and threatened the same treatment to his Manager Martino Angelo when the latter threatened intervention. Finally, officials of the New York State Commission ruled that Angelo could not stay at ringside. Ringsiders were threatening him on all sides so Angelo beat a hasty retreat. That was exactly what Waldo had hoped for. Now, he could take this battling Sicilian apart without interference.

Waldo approached the Beast with an assortment of kicks and sledge hammer blows to the back and body. The Beast stood up manfully to the punishment, side-stepped another onslaught and caught young Von Erich in another "Bear-Hug."

Waldo struggled with all of his might and pushed his way to the safety of the ropes. In a corner, Waldo put on a partial "Sleeper" to the neck of The Beast. He held the hold and refused to break when instructed by the referee, thus causing a disqualification.

The crowd booed the ruling of the referee as they wanted to see a more definite ending to this most riotous bout of the season. It appeared, however, that they were satisfied to see The Beast at last battling against an opponent who gave as

much as he received. For Waldo it was a moral victory.

"You can't take chances with a gorilla like The Beast. You have to show him that he cannot always have things his own way, and when you can do that he is only another wrestler as far as I am concerned. He knew he was in one of the stormiest battles of his career, and without the help of his manager," said young Waldo.

A rematch was in order, but Waldo was booked solidly so he did not get the chance to meet the Beast again.

Topping Waldo's repertoire of holds is his daring leap off the top rope and then landing with bent knee to the throat or neck of his prone opponent. It is a violent hold which commissions in some states have threatened to bar. Says Waldo;—

"I do not know why the hold should be barred. It is a legitimate hold, for which opponents should have some defense. I am not the only wrestler who has used the hold. Dick (Bruiser) Afflis, Gene Kiniski, Killer Kowalski all have used the hold so why should I be restrained?"

"All I am interested in is to get a shot at Thesz. I have great respect for Lou as one of the greatest of champions. I feel that I have earned that privilege."

Is Waldo Von Erich destined to wear the Crown? There are many who feel that he may accomplish that task.

BRITISH MAT SCENE

By RUSSELL PLUMMER

After the recent invasion of British rings by Japanese heavyweights had been successfully repelled, it was the turn of French challengers to start arriving in Great Britain.

Leading the way was the French heavyweight champion Andre Bollet, who was soon hurled into the fray against virtually every member of the higher echelon of the U.K. heavyweight brigade.

A main event battle with Hungarian Tibor Szakacs at London's Royal Albert Hall was quickly followed by bouts in other parts of the country against Manchester's Billy Robinson, Anglo-German tear-away Hans Streiger and the fast rising young Cheshire heavyweight Steve Bell-veidor.

Arriving with Bollet at the same time was leading French judoka Luc Straab, who gave impressive displays in matches with European mid-heavyweight champion Billy Howes, and Bradford's one and only Les Kellett.

Impressing British fans a little earlier were welterweights Gilbert Cesca and classy Michel Saulnier, who was paying his first visit to the country.

Independent man Paul Lincoln was also looking to France and is planning return visits for Franco-Finnish star Eric Huisberg and the man all French fans love to hate, bald domed Cherri Bibi (Roger Trigeau).

One of the main talking points at present is a proposed 40 match trip to England by former world champion Buddy Rogers. Joint Promotions secretary Arthur Green says everything is tied up for what will be the most extensive British tour of an American top liner since Lou Thesz came over in 1957.

In the years since Ray Gunkle and Luther Lindsay both made fleeting visits, but apart from other lighter boys such as Johnny Kostas—now doing the British rounds again—the arrival of Rogers will be the biggest thing for years.

Johnny Kostas came back at the beginning of the year after spending some time in France, and was soon doing main event work throughout the Southern half of the country.

Ricky Starr with the aid of a couple of television appearances and good wrestling is a sell-out all over the place.

A new name in the independent stakes has been that of Sparton Promotions who present bills at halls ranging from several big London centres to the well known Castle Club of one of Britain's best known bomber bases, R.A.F. Coningsby.

One heavyweight, who has just lately made a very welcome return to Britain is Canadian Gordon Nelson, back after more than a year in the U.S.A. and Canada.

How they shape up over here: 1. Horst Hoffman (German), 2. George Gordienko (Canada), 3. Tibor Szakacs (Hungary) and Geoff Portz (Shipley), 4. Billy Joyce (Wigan) British champion, 5. Billy Robinson (Manchester), 6. Ray Hunter (Australia), 7. John Da Silva (New Zealand), 8. Ian Campbell (Scotland), 9. Jo Zaranoff (Russian).

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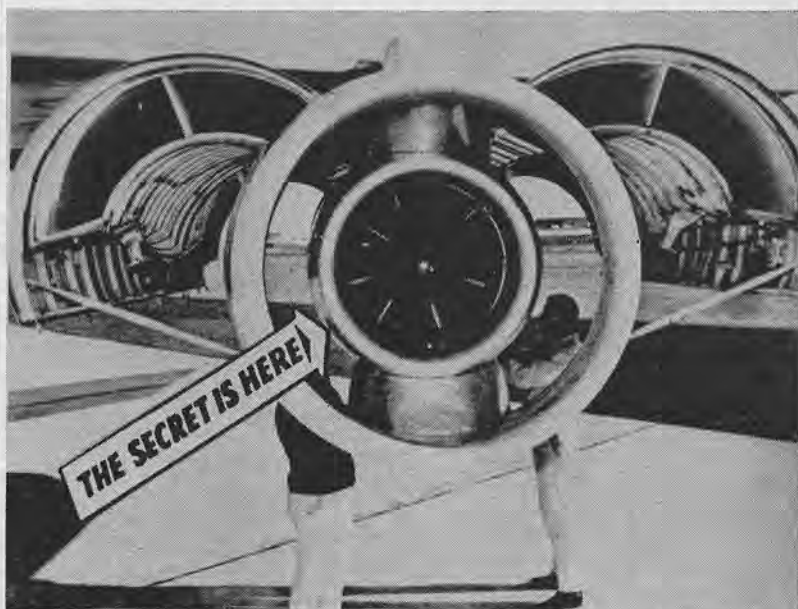
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A SIZZLER IN ST. LOO

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Kaempfer, the sturdy German trial horse, into camp in 20 minutes. In a secondary match, Thesz drew with Minnesota hopeful, Cliff Gustafson.

Marshall beat Gustafson later in April in a contenders' elimination march. Nagurski, yearning for another title shot, blocked Marshall out of contention in May on a card that saw Gus Sonnenberg, Silverstein and Orville Brown rack up wins. Also in May, Bronko whipped Zaharias in twenty minutes.

The last card before the Summer hiatus, in June, saw the Dusek brothers appear en masse. Ernie defeated Macaluso in the main; Tillet returned to bear hug Emil to defeat, but Joe Dusek gave the family a winning percentage by taking Chris Zaharias.

Packs returned to action in October and Ernie Dusek, now seriously pursuing a title match, challenged both Macaluso and Sonnenberg in a 90-minute handicap contest. Macaluso started, and extended Ernie for an hour and eleven minutes before falling.

Sonnenberg then held the tenacious Dusek to a draw the rest of the way. Ali Baba, Joe Savoldi and Frank Sexton—all title claimants at one time or another—registered wins on this card that drew 5,000.

Dusek took on Savoldi late in October, matching his rough tactics against Jumping Joe's football maneuvers. Roughness won out and Dusek was returned the winner in forty minutes. Thesz stayed in contention with a win over Joe Dusek in a preliminary.

Ernie was now ready for a title shot with Steele and the match was signed for early November. Five thousand fans turned out to see Steele match his rival's rugged pace and wear him down for a win in 39:44.

Ali Baba beat Ted Christy on the card and announced himself ready for a main event. Nagurski, fresh from the football wars, obliged Baba in late November and experienced one of his easier nights, taking his smaller opponent apart in less than seven minutes.

Promoter Packs pulled a promotional coup by signing Steele to defend his belt against Nagurski in December and over seven thousand of the faithful came to see the match. Nagurski more than held his own for a half hour, but got carried away shortly after that and was disqualified at the forty minute mark.

For the last show of the year, Thesz, fresh from a successful Texas tour, challenged Macaluso, who had defeated him a year earlier. Thesz gained sweet revenge before his home town fans by pinning Len in 18:47.

ONLY SURGEON WHO BECAME WRESTLER

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went through the season unbeaten.

The catalogue of the doctor's athletic achievements is almost without end. He represented the Chicago A.A. in a meet with the New York A.C., and won the discus throw, and placed second in the shot and hammer throw. He also was a standout broad jumper.

Surgery kept calling to Dr. Roller and in between matches in wrestling he attended to a large practice.

In 1915 the doctor decided that fun was fun, and his profession with the scalpel demanded more of his time, so he quit the mat.

In 1930 he opened an office in Chicago. But he yearned for New York, where he was a well known Broadway figure, especially among the habitués of the old Claridge.

Dr. Roller died in 1933 at the early age of 57, after fighting pneumonia for five weeks.

All in all, Doc was one of the most colorful and accomplished all around athletes yet seen anywhere, certainly the greatest athlete in numerous fields yet recruited by professional wrestling.

A PICTORIAL HISTORY —ALL WOMEN

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team from Tulsa.

Peggy Allen, whose photograph is produced in connection with this portion of women's wrestling history, was a tomboy in Bluefields, West Virginia. Strong legs, powerful shoulders, Peg was endowed lavishly on the physical side and she had looks, as well.

One of the gals here depicted wrestled under the simple tag of The Princess. She looked something like Bette Davie, of the movies. In fact, much more sultry, all seriousness, all determination.

Please note the picture of Marilyn Martin, who appears to want a pair of boxing gloves. She has the boxing pose and the equipment to go with it.

Jean Kennedy is shown putting a hold on her left forearm. Not that she didn't know that she was supposed to throw her opponent, not herself.

Sandra Holubam, from Rumania, is the only gal of the collection who chose to be photographed seated. She is serene, grim, not over-heavy, rather lithe in the legs and thighs.

Betty Jarvis, from Columbus, has the chest and the thighs, and Lynn Livingston faces the camera with a smile and a well proportioned body.

Olga Baranoff, from Russia, shows her biceps. She has all the customary feminine equipment in good proportions and Jack Pfefer says she could apply a toe hold or

a hammerlock with the best of the girl experts.

One thing I noted in my investigations. Very few gal wrestlers gravitated to the mat from New York and other northern Atlantic Coast centres.

There is a great scarcity of performers from the Metropolis, which offers so many opportunities for girls on the stage and in office work.

Women wrestlers are noted for their generosity toward each other—outside of the ring. The stars are willing to help the tyros. Retired leaders are eager to sell wrestling to eligible candidates.

The number of candidates would rise greatly if the gals were permitted to work in New York. There is no reason for their being barred.

"MY PROBLEMS WITH MEN"

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Later, when I was 18, I came to Buddy Lee for instruction.

Lee taught me the holds. He also taught me to start at top speed and continue that way just as long as possible.

"The fans want tough wrestlers, be they men or women, and namby-pamby stuff get you nowhere," was the first lesson I learned from Lee.

I like to study the fans. I believe that the women have a greater like for wrestling than do the men.

I think that the average woman spectator says to herself, "Now, there's a girl after my own heart. I wish I could do the things she does on the mat. I'd show Joe if he kicked over the traces."

In the men wrestlers the women like strength and a sense of physical domination.

Women fans ask, "Are you married? Is your husband a wrestler? Do you toss him around?"

They are surprised that I still am single, and that I don't go around throwing people.

In conclusion, please do not get the idea that I hate men. I love them, God bless them. But they have to be kept in their places.

BRITISH MAT UNLIKE YANKS'

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The list of alien matmen undergoes continual changing but usually includes at least thirty. Obviously, the restrictions on alien wrestlers are to protect the native brand.

There are two major differences in British wrestling when compared to the American version. There's the basic violence, of course, that is inherent and paramount in this country, but there's a difference in degree.

In contrast, there's more science and less mauling in British grappling. And a round system, such as in American boxing, is used.

As Green pointed out, "The British fans demand skill and action. They won't tolerate too much rough stuff or comedy. They prefer that the wrestlers 'get on with it.'"

Just as is the case in many parts of the United States, feminine wrestling is prohibited because it's considered in bad taste. Midget wrestling is common.

Where American wrestling operates on a falls or time-limit basis, its British counterpart functions with a series of five-minute rounds to a stipulated extent.

There is a minute's rest between rounds and seconds attend the wrestlers during the interludes, again as in boxing.

Wrestling rings also are smaller in Britain than in the United States and whereas American mat warfare is an all-heavyweight operation, the British form presents many contenders of lesser weights.

Joint Promotions has the exclusive in producing British television wrestling that is shown regularly both live and on tape by ITV (Independent Television), which combines with the government-controlled BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) to form Britain's complete video setup.

A typical Joint Promotions show during my visit to England gives an idea of personnel and range. A five-bouts card at Lime Grove Baths Hall in London's Shepherds Bush section listed two heavyweight matches, one middleweight battle, a catch-weight clash and a welterweight encounter. The lineup included a Hungarian from Budapest, and matmen from France, Japan and Pakistan.

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"I'M GOING RIGHT TO THE TOP"

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in Atlanta Auditorium, seven years ago. From the opening bout to the main event, Betty Ann sat spellbound. Captivated by the furious ring action, she cajoled her parents into taking her with them the next week, and many thereafter.

Not unexpectedly, wrestling became the high point in the youngster's week. She could hardly wait for Friday night to come, and each time it did, she was the first customer on the scene at the Auditorium.

She thrilled to the high-flying aerial wizardry of some of the men in that Atlanta ring, watched intently as others switched effortlessly, it seemed, from hold to hold, and loudly berated the villains who used every underhanded trick in the book.

Soon, graduation from Central High

School came, and there was first and foremost a method of financing herself to be considered. If only Betty Ann could be a lady wrestler, like those girls she watched so often in the Atlanta ring, there would be no worries about money.

But, she reflected, she didn't know how to break into wrestling. In fact, she didn't even know anyone in the sport that she could go to for advice.

So, came weary rounds of pavement-pounding that finally led to the unglamorous position as a waitress, with its meagre salary and long hours. But secretly, Betty Ann nursed the old wish to be a wrestler. Little did the restaurateur who employed her know that his star waitress was harboring, deep down inside her, an overwhelming desire to become one of the female titans of the mat.

Then it happened. The wrestler by chance picked the very restaurant where Betty Ann Spencer worked to enjoy a leisurely, late-evening meal. And also, he enjoyed a talk that eventually gave the mat world a new star.

The grappler steered Betty Ann to old-time grappler and veteran Atlanta promoter Paul Jones, who has the reputation of being one of wrestling's sharpest talent-spotters. Paul listened intently to Betty Ann's story, and it so impressed him that he formulated plans to enroll her in an out-of-state grappling academy that boasted an outstanding trainer of female ring talent.

Betty Ann was beside herself with joy. Wrestling, though, is a rugged way to earn a living, and it took the diminutive Georgian nearly a year before she was in fit condition to withstand the grind of the road. Once that year was up, nothing could have held Betty Ann back.

Her premiere saw her paired with lanky villainess Sweet Georgia Brown in a semi-final event in her home state. Maybe she was the better gal, maybe working on familiar ground lent her confidence. But there were no 'maybes' when the talented Atlantan levelled off on Georgia Brown. Georgia can take care of herself in the roughest company, but she couldn't withstand the blitz that Betty Ann Spencer used against her.

When it was all over, professional wrestling had a rising star, who might be a super-star in the future.

From that day to this, Betty Ann Spencer has never once looked over her shoulder.

She's bounced around the canvasses of the Deep South, the East Coast and Western Canada, with a verve, vigor and vitality equalled by few. This five feet five, 140 pound tigress has, in her short time in the ring, matched holds with some of the biggest, fastest and best girls in the industry.

Girls like veteran Mary Jane Mull,

toughie Bambi Ball, Rita Cortez, Margaret Garcia, Olga Martinez, Dinah Beamon and Virginia Franklin. Female furies all, but seldom a match for the scientific display put on by Betty Ann.

Her Airplane Spin has proved to be the solution to many a dilemma inside those ropes, as many of the girls will attest. And just as frequently a match-winner is her Reverse Boston Crab, a hold known to few of matdom's gals.

Betty Ann Spencer knew from the beginning what she wanted, but fame and fortune didn't come easily to the auburn-haired beauty. She worked, and worked hard, to reach the plateau she occupies on today.

When she started to invade the ranks of the powder-puff grapplers, everything else was forgotten.

Everything, that is, but one. That was firmly imbedded in her mind—Betty Ann Spencer was going right to the top!

CALIFORNIA WRESTLING

By ROBERT MURILLO

Pepper Gomez and Jose Lathario retained their tag team crown by beating Jim and Jack Dalton: The World tag team champions Pepper Gomez and Jose Lathario defeated Jim and Jack Dalton, who who are rated high in the "Wrestling Ring" rating, they won the match in Sacramento, California.

The Tag team champions Pepper Gomez and Jose Lathario retained their title in San Francisco, by beating Mitsu Arawkawa and Kinji Shibuya, who are also rated among the tops in "Wrestling Ring" magazine. Gomez and Lathario won the world title from highly rated Art and Stan Neilson whom they defeated twice.

Results from Sacramento: Dick Steinborn defeated Ray Stevens in a non title match, Steinborn has 13 straight wins and is undefeated in Northern California; Don DeNucci, who is predicted to be the next U.S. champion, beat Kalu Kolney; newcomer to the area Black Hawk beat Roy (Rip) Collins; Red Bastain pinned The Great Pampero.

NORTH AMERICAN WRESTLING ACTION

By TERRY JUSTICE

Johnny Barend, no longer a villain in the ring, attacked a former partner, Magnificent Maurice, during one of M's Buffalo matches. Maurice was getting aid from Martino Angelo in smashing Donn Lewin, so John helped Donn. Maurice won, but later in the night Barend used a shoulder stand to pin Martino in 15 seconds.

Hiro Matsuda and Duke Keomuka stopped Skull Murphy and Brute Bernard for a popular win in Tampa, Florida.

7-2" Shohei Baba, managed by Fred Atkins, scored 3 major upsets recently, stopping Lord Layton in Detroit, and big Moose Cholok twice in Buffalo.

Fritz Von Erich escaped a giant swing and went on to beat Ronnie Etchison with an iron-claw in Kansas City, Kansas. Sailor Art Thomas topped Baron Von Strauss in a co-feature.

Bruno Sammartino defeated Dr. Jerry Graham in New York in defense of his "world title". Bruno, who claims the undisputed title, was beaten twice in Canada by NWA king, Lou Thesz. Thesz stopped AWA champion Karl Gotch in St. Louis recently, in a best of three falls match.

Wrestling is seen twice a week in Miami, Orlando, Portland (Ore.), and Phoenix (Ariz.). The first two Florida cities are seeing old favorites in action under a new agency.

Speaking of Florida, Pat O'Hara is doing a great job as promoter in St. Petersburg. The Von Braunsers stopped Al & Ramon Torres in a recent main event.

In TV Matches from Chicago (shown in Rochester, N. Y.) Jose Betancourt & Santiago Alcosta topped Kurt Von Stroheim & El Gaucho, Johnny Kase halted Paul Christy, and Moose Cholok downed Johnny Gilbert.

Pat O'Connor and Whipper Watson, two former champions, are doing great on the comeback trails!

Some of the experts are saying that Cassius Clay wouldn't last two rounds with Lou Thesz in a mixed match. As for Sonny Liston, that's questionable.

Has Yukon Eric really retired? . . . Luther Lind-say stopped Big Bull Curtis Iseuka in Hawaii . . . Donn Lewin on the comeback trail . . . Where is wrestler Joe Pizzo? . . . The Beast is constantly improving.



Dark haired lovely Toni Rose, one of the new faces in the mid-west who is winning the hearts of the fans with her beauty and style of wrestling.

"COLUMBUS LEGLOCKS"

By TERRY SCOTT

Bobby Clark, an upcoming grappler wrestled Bobby Allen in the opening match at the Coliseum and won after 23:05. Allen was taking the place of Charley Hoover who is ill.

In the next match, the bearded Frenchman, Paul Richard went against Leon Graham. The bout went 18:23 with Graham winning in one fall.

Cyclone Negro and Bob Bruce were paired off in the following match. Negro took a few minutes to feel Bruce out, then came the action, a fan at ringside grabbed Negro's leg and this made him twice as mad. He tore into Bruce like a bull, biting his eyes, nose and mouth. Bob, bleeding badly from the face couldn't parry Negro's attacks. Cyclone then jumped from the ring, tore a "mike" from the cord and started hitting Bruce with it.

About that time Promoter Al Haft told the police to take over. It took four policemen to get him out of the ring and to the dressing room, but not before Negro had got into a fight with some fans. Cyclone was then suspended for 90 days and fined \$100.00 for his actions. Supposedly, he can't wrestle here again unless he puts up a \$500.00 bond.

After the intermission, Lou Thesz put up his championship against Karl Gotch for their second rematch. Gotch won the first fall in 24:13 with a suplex. But Thesz came back to win the next fall in 6:25 with a pin. Lou and Karl both pulled every trick in the book in the last fall. Thesz threw Gotch out of the ring and when Gotch attempted to get back in Thesz gave him a drop kick that sent Gotch flying. Lou lost his balance and landed on his neck while Karl landed on his ankle. Both wrestlers were counted out.

In the tag team match of the evening Doc and Mike Gallagher took on Frankie Talaber and Speed La Rance. The first fall was won by the Gallaghers but Talaber evened it up with a piledriver. It was no use, the Gallaghers overpowered them and won the fall and the match when Mike all but blinded La Rance.

Our last wrestling show started off with a bang. Bob Bruce, a 440 pound giant took the opening match from Sal (Jack Wilson) Von Brauner with a press after twenty minutes of action.

The next match was a thriller! Leon Graham took on the Jap Terror, Hito Matsudo. It went 30 minutes to a draw with no let up from either wrestler.

Cyclone Negro, the South American champion, took on young Dennis Hall in the next match. Negro has been hitting Ohio, Michigan and Indiana hard for the past months, with almost all wins. It took him 12 minutes to make his helpless foe give in with one of the most deadly back drops I've ever seen.

The fourth match was a tag team affair between the rough and tough Gallagher Bros., Mike and Doc and Frank Talaber & "Tiger" Portor Longaria. This was the Gallaghers first time in Columbus and they wanted to make a name for themselves.

They pulled every trick in the book with Mike taking the first fall over Talaber with a pin. The next fall went to Talaber and Longaria when Frankie gave Big Mike a piledriver. The Gallaghers really wanted to win this match but they tried too hard and were disqualified.

In the main event Dick the Bruiser wrestled Karl Gotch. This match had been two months in the making. It started off fast with wrestling's most famous villain taking the first fall in 13 minutes with a body slam and press. Gotch came back with a piledriver to win the next. A ranting and raving Bruiser went wild. He grabbed a chair from ringside, used the tag rope and threw dirt into Karl's eyes. The Commission could not stand for any more of this and disqualified Bruiser when he jumped off the top rope.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING

By JOHN CARPENTER

Apparently the hottest news down south is the new masked team, The Black Monsters, two husky grapplers that dress in complete black trunks, tights, down shirts, and fascinating black masks that feature white gleaming teeth along the mouthline. When they come from the dressing rooms the fans go wild, some screaming catcalls and abuses and others shrinking back from the ringside. So far, the monsters are unpinched, their only defeat coming from a disqualification. The numerous teams that have met the Monsters are John and Carlos Caruso, Chuck Connaly and Steve Kovacks, Connaly and Bob Lidiskay, and Kovacks and Pampero Rocca. The Monsters are fast, and make for a good "Villainous" team.

Still holding the Southern belts (at the time of this writing) is the team of Jackie Fargo and Mario (Big John) Milano. However, for a week half the team was separated when Milano was in the hospital with injuries inflicted by Tojo

Yammamoto and Alex Perez on a Nashville, Tenn. TV. card. As Fargo and Milano were whipping the disjointed team of Chris Aberoth and the Jap ace Yammamoto, Perez ran into the ring and pelted Big John with some steel object, resulting in six stitches in his forehead and a complete rest by order of a Nashville doctor.

New teams and singles are again filtering into the south, and the news at last reaches me. The biggest reunification is that of Mark Lewin and Don Curtis down Florida way. Lewin, who had been billed as the "Maniac" out in Texas and St. Louis, returned to his old partner once again. Curtis and Lewin are hoping for a shot at the title as soon as the Southern belts return to the Sunshine state. Other newcomers to the immediate area are former Scufflin Hillbilly, now turned regular, Chuck Connaly, who still wrestles barefoot; Pampero Rocca, big husky from Argentina. The Monsters, The Carusos, Steve Kovacks who hopes to be joined by his brother Sandor, later, from Canada; Mighty Jumbo, all 600 pounds of him; Len Rossi, the ex-Crusader; Corsica Jean, brother of Joe; Jesse James, talented Texas grappler; Karen Kellogg, who makes frequent appearances at Southern rings; and finally Johnny Long has been talking big things to his brother Jack.

CINCINNATI MATLINE

By BILLY LEE HENSLEY

Wrestling enjoyed its biggest gate of the season here, as 5,183 fans turned out to see an action packed card, which featured 3 main events.

The 1st main event featured Wilbur Synder versus Cyclone Negro. This match started very fast as Synder captured the first fall in 25 seconds with dropkicks and body press. Negro returned to take the second fall with a back body drop and press in 4 minutes and 8 seconds. The third fall went to Synder, when Negro hit the referee Frank Herzog. As agreed before the match, Cyclone Negro had to remove his mask and he turned out to be Edwarda Rodriguez.

The 2nd main event, one fall to the finish, pitted the Giant Baba against Joe Blanchard. This match went to Baba with a sleeper hold in 10 minutes and 43 seconds.

In the 3rd main event, Cincinnati's favorite, Dick The Bruiser defeated and unmasked The Masked Terror, who was The Alaskan.

Tag team event of the evening saw the Gallagher Brothers defeat The Lawman and Gordon Nelson.

In other matches: Fred Atkins got the best of Paul Richard, and Emile Dupre and Les Thatcher wrestled to a time limit draw.

Championship wrestling returned to Cincinnati Gardens as champion Lou Thesz put his belt on the line against the giant Shohei Baba. It was a very hard fought battle from start to finish. Thesz captured the first fall in 8 minutes. Baba took the second in 8 minutes. Champion Thesz gave a good example of why he is champion as he took the third and deciding fall in 5 minutes.

In a handicap match Cyclone Negro took on two men in the persons of Paul Richard and Calvin Pullins. He had to pin both of them in order to win, whereas they only had to pin him once. But Negro proved too much for the newcomers and he defeated them both.

In the tag team event the team of Mike and Doc Gallagher took on the very popular team of George and Sandy Scott. The Gallaghers took the first fall, and the Scotts captured the second. Time expired and the match was declared a draw.

In other supporting matches: Larry Chene won over Young Rudy Kay, and The Alaskan defeated Fred Atkins, while in a Ladies Match: Elaine Ellis defeated Mary A. Hillis.

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KANSAS CITY WRESTLING

By **BRADLEY A. FENTON**

Sailor Art Thomas, strong-man, is now in Kansas City and very popular with the fans. He got a chance at the Mongolian Stomper, who still remains undefeated. The match, scheduled to run until curfew, lasted for 12:15. It ended with the referees' decision being disputed and the State Athletic Commission promised a final decision.

In the second main event, Bob Geigel and Sonny Myers went to a 45-minute draw. Geigel struck first by pressing his foe. Myers retaliated after 13:10 of the second fall with a Japanese Sleeper hold. Time ran out in the third fall with neither one able to maintain the advantage.

Ronnie Etchison is back in Kansas City after his recent tour in Canada. This time he whipped Gordo the Great in 13:31. On another card he challenged the feared Fritz von Erich. After a wild and furious start, he lost by a submission to the "Iron Claw".

In a tag-team bout, Big Bill Miller and Bob Geigel took two out of three falls from the team of Sonny Myers and Steve Bolus. In a six-man tag-team match, the Great Dane, Gordo the Great, and Baron von Strauss were bested by Larry Hamilton, Steve Bolus, and Ronnie Etchison. It seemed to be popular opinion however, that the referee got the worst of it!

In other preliminary bouts, the Mongolian Stomper beat Jim Grambiere with his usual brutal tactics, and Sailor Art Thomas overpowered Baron von Strauss with a bear-hug in 6:12.



There was quite a ruckus at ringside when The Mongolian Stomper went after announcer Bill Kersten, whom he accused of not giving him a proper introduction when he appeared at the Arena. The fans were all on Bill's side, but it took the police to restore order.

Texas Bob Geigel of Algona, Iowa and K.C. Power & Light Employee Bill Kersten (ring announcer for K.C. matches) defended professional wrestling and wrestlers in a heated radio debate with Ray Carnay at Station KBEA, Mission, Kansas, 1480 Ky. The program is titled "Hot Line" in which the public may participate by telephone and is put on the air waves "live" from 7 PM to 9 PM. Bob Geigel called it the "Cold Line" Program. Geigel has wrestled for ten years and his income was \$19,000 in his lowest year and \$54,000 in his highest. He is a consistent main event attraction in the Texas panhandle and the Midwest. He refers to himself as "the Greatest". He attended the program as a missionary to help people understand the sport of wrestling. Geigel told Carnay when challenged to a fight (not a wrestling match) that he never hit women, children or weaklings and that if he injured Carnay the County would have to support him (welfare). A wrestler uses every muscle in his body during a match. That is why top wrestlers are always in great shape. Their biggest physical handicap is in the travel between matches. Geigel wrestled four years in High School and 4 years in College before turning pro plus his football career in college.

Carnay said Geigel was an ego-maniac and needs to see a psycho. Carnay said he saw his last pro match (live) in Cleveland, Ohio 20 years ago. He met Danny McShain at that time while working for WREA radio in Cleveland. He has only seen TV matches since then but has called wrestlers many uncomplimentary names. Geigel pointed out that pro-wrestling is a heavy supporter of Olympic wrestling. Wrestlers are showmen (fancy robes, gimmicks, etc.) but when it gets down to wrestling and real ability the best man wins. It is not cut-and-dried. No rehearsals as Carnay implied. There are fine upstanding athletes in the sport of wrestling.

MAT ACTION IN THE EAST

By **DOROTHY FREDMAN**

The new U.S. tag team champions, who defeated Gorilla Monsoon and Killer Kowalski are Tolos Brothers. The exciting action took place in Teaneck, New Jersey when Chris and John took two straight falls. They will wrestle anybody. At the Island Garden the Tolos Brothers went 23:40 in a time limit match with Apollo and Tony

Marino. The Golden Boy Arnold Skoaland drew with Miguel Perez. A newcomer to the East is Don McClarty, an Irish wrestler, who showed a great deal of ability and action by pinning Klondike Bill for the first time in 8:06. Dr. Jerry Graham with his one hundred thousand dollar figure made the popular Puerto Rican Pedro Morales quit in 9:12. Bruno Sammartino and Bo Bo Brazil went against Monsoon and Kowalski in a grudge match. Kowalski won the first fall in 5:38 by pinning Brazil. Bruno and Bo Bo won the next two falls. Monsoon was pinned for the first time by Bruno Sammartino.

WRESTLING AT SUNNYSIDE, NEW YORK

Johnny Walker and Antonino Rocca won the first fall by a disqualification of the Von Hess Brothers. The match ended with "no winner" when all four wrestlers were in the ring. Miguel Torres lost on disqualification to Gregory Harkay in 9:33. Freddy Ortiz won with a leg lock on Isiac Rossario in 14:18.

Rocca won over Tony Altimore. Karl Von Hess and Lenny Montana were disqualified in two falls and gave the win to Miguel Torres and Al Smith (Jolly Charlie). Johnny Walker made Gregory Harkay quit in 11:51. Alfredo Cosmo lost to Freddy Ortiz in 12:03.

Rocca and Johnny Walker flattened Miguel Torres and Tony Altimore. Chief Kit Fox made Frank Perez quit in 7:18. Pepe Figueroa won in his match with Isiac Rossario. Lenny Montana defeated Gregory Harkay.

Island Garden fans witnessed an exciting match with Killer Kowalski and a rising mat star Don McClarty. Kowalski taking full advantage of the ropes both inside and out of the ring was disqualified and gave the victory to McClarty in 15:16.

Frank Martinez was disqualified in 4:26 in his match with Gene Britto. Ted Lewin was at his best in his match with Tony Nero. But the Prince turned the table with some rough tactics, then Ted won with a press in 14:40.

Bo Bo Brazil had a tough match with Gorilla Monsoon. Bo Bo's left elbow was swollen (from a previous match) as revealed when Monsoon ripped off the bandage. When both wrestlers were outside the ring a draw was called in 16:43.

Frank Hickey was gaily attired in purple leotards with white stripes and gold boots. Miguel Perez took a beating but pinned Hickey in 16:35. The midgets Billy the Kid and Sky Low Low lost to Sonny Boy Cassidy and Farmer Pete in two straight falls in 9:48. They delighted the fans with their quick thinking and actions.

AT BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Ray Rosa defeated Pepe Figueroa in 16:37 and won the challenge cup trophy. Lenny Montana suffered a loss to Johnny Walker in 7:20. Antonino Rocca stopped Tony Altimore. Jewel Zanzibar and Rocky Storm, a version of the U.S. Tag team champions, went to a draw with Karl and Adolph Von Hess.

On two other cards: Johnny Walker went to a draw in 10:12 with Karl Von Hess. Lenny Montana won over Miguel Torres. Tony Cosenza and Tony Altimore suffered a loss to Rocky Storm and Jewel Zanzibar; in 6:20 Ray Rosa called it quits to Antonino Rocca.

Tony Altimore went to a draw with Gino Apollo. Gregory Jarque called it quits to Lenny Montana. Rocky Storm and Jewel Zanzibar's match with Karl and Adolph Von Hess called no contest. Antonino Rocca and the rubber man Johnny Walker won two straight falls from Miguel Torres and Tom Townsend in 13:14.

TEXAS RASSLIN'

By **ALAN ESKEW**

Promoter Ed McLemore has continued to bring the top stars to Texas. Many new grapplers showed up to break into the tough Texas action. Also to appear here was Lou Thesz and Danny Hodge.

Thesz kept his title from Hodge on a dispute win in Houston. Thesz also met John Paul Henning in Dallas for a world title match but Thesz kept his crown.

Tokyo Tom is undefeated on the Texas scene. He has caused riots with his karate that has been banned by the commission but still he continues to use it. Tokyo Tom topped Joe Blanchard for the Texas Belt in Houston but turned it down.

John Paul Henning returned to Texas after a long absence and has come through with some big main event wins. After his loss to Thesz he began campaigning for a rematch to win the title. Henning is one of the most popular wrestlers to appear in Texas in quite a long time.

Bull Curry, a rough and tough grappler known around the United States but popular on the Texas wrestling beat, is currently undefeated over Jack Donovan, Tarzan Tyler, and Duke Keomuka, not an easy feat.

Sonny Cooper has stormed into Texas and some main event matches with his rough and tumble style. Cooper is better known as Don Jardine in other parts of the country.

Mark Starr, brother of Ricki Starr, has made his debut before the Texas fans. Mark is a very capable wrestler but is not a ballet dancer like his older brother and has a different style. Tarzan Tyler has cut his long blond hair off but the remarkable rough-house wrestler still maintains his old wrestling ways.

Tiger Conway, a Texas champion, is doing well in the area. Conway had the biggest chance of

his life when he met Lou Thesz on a Waco card. Conway gave Thesz a run for his money fight but fell to the champion.

A newcomer to the local scene and to the Southwest is Paul Jones. Bob Boyer a very popular junior heavyweight is doing well against heavier opposition.

Sir Nelson Royal and Sir Rodney Shane are topping West Texas cards. Dan Miller returned to that area and seems willing to take on anyone. The Great Dane is appearing on cards in the Amarillo area.

ON THE BEAM

By BFFM

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, AT THE OLYMPIA

Lou Thesz retained his world title by holding former U.S. champion Wilbur Snyder to a draw.

A special bout saw Lord Athol Layton defeat the former Masked Terror, Jay (The Alaskan) York.

The Sheik defeated the Terror's former tag team partner, Cyclon Negro.

Other action saw The Giant Baba win over Tony Paresi.

A bout involving Johnny Valentine and John Paul Henning ended in a draw; Ray "Thunder" Stern, San Mateo, California, defeated Ray Gordon; Fred Atkins went to a draw with Bob "Czaya" Nandor; Joe Brunetti was declared the winner over Stasha Stasiak.

MAT & MEMOS

Is El Toro (The Bull) who wrestles under the mask in California Pedro Godoy? . . . Don "The Lawman" Slatton arrested Billy Sol Estes for the U.S. government. . . . Cyclon Negro unmasked The Terror at the Indianapolis Armory. He turned out to be Jay "The Alaskan" York.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA AT THE ARMORY

The main event of this card saw Wilbur Snyder and Cyclon Negro emerge victorious over Doc Gallagher and "Man Mountain" Bob Bruce. Negro scored the first fall over Gallagher after 8 minutes of action. Gallagher evened the score with a 7 minute fall over Negro. Snyder took 5 minutes to win the third fall and the match by downing Bob Bruce. Bruce was a substitute for Mike Gallagher, who was snowbound at Buffalo, N.Y.

In other action Don "The Lawman" Slatton and Guy Mitchell captured two straight falls from Paul Richard and Johnny King. Emile Dupre stopped Johnny King after 10 minutes of action. The Black Orchid made his Indianapolis debut by defeating Paul Richard via a disqualification in 11 minutes of action. Guy Mitchell took 9 minutes to beat Gary Hart in his Indianapolis debut.

HONOLULU, HAWAII AT THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM

The main event of this card was an 11 man battle royal. Haystack Calhoun, the 601 pound giant from Morgans Corner, Arkansas, was declared the winner.

The other 10 participants were eliminated in this order: The Bruiser, 4:30; White Wolf, 4:40; Samson Burke, 7:03; Dean Higuchi, 8:45; Neff Maiva, 9:35; Curtis Iaukea, 9:55; Lucky Simunovich, 12:38; Lord Blears, 18:35; Harry Fujiwara, 19:20; Cowboy Cassidy, 19:25.

Other action saw White Wolf defeat Harry Fujiwara in 8 minutes and 20 seconds with the Indian death lock. Samson Burke decisioned Curtis Iaukea. Cowboy Cassidy required 16 minutes and 43 seconds to defeat Simunovich with a backdrop. Two matches were declared draws. They were: Lord Blears vs. Dean Higuchi and Neff Maiva vs. The Bruiser.

IN GAY FLORIDA

By DORRIS NELMS

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Preliminary Match with Ray Andrews vs. Paul Adams in a 1 fall, a 30 minute time-Andrews (1/2 of the "Gladiators") back in shape after a hectic bout with an ear infection was in good form. Adams, one of the real "baddies" of the mat world, tried, but just couldn't measure up to Andrews, who is too quick and agile. He took the match in 17 minutes with a "Flying Head Scissors."

The Second Event saw Eric Pomeroy defeat War Cloud in a 2 out of 3, 45 minute time, match that was over in eighteen minutes. Nobody is sure yet whether to "Hurray" for War Cloud or to "Boo" him. He is a highly talented man and a real test for the other half of the "Gladiator" team. The match itself was very clean and scientific, with Eric taking the 1st fall in 8 minutes with the "Victory Roll". War Cloud war-hooped back to take the 2nd fall in 5 minutes with "Dropkicks". When the bell rang for the 3rd and deciding fall, Pomeroy flew into the ring and after 5 minutes of very talented maneuvering, took the last fall with a "Cradle Hold".

Two out of 3-1 hour time. The Teutonic bad-boys, the Von Brauners, have returned to Florida, much to the dismay of all wrestling fans. They teamed with their manager (outside the ring, as always) against the very versatile and talented Torres Brothers (Californians) in a scheduled two out of three, one hour limit match. Weingeroff has always had a gendarme escort to the dressing rooms in our town, as the fans want no part of his trusty cane, which he has used on many occasions to start a "brawl", before the bell.



Duke Keomuka is about to go for a free ride as Don Curtis grabs his arm to start a hip throw during their exciting match in Florida.

"Crusher" Karlson, the referee awarded the Germans the first fall after they used a "Double Body Slam" on Ramon Torres. The Torres Brothers protested, and after an exchange of heated words Promoter Pat O'Hara yanked Karlson from the ring and replaced him with Sam Evans. The 1st fall was given to the Germans in 8 minutes.

The Torres Brothers, with an impartial Referee took the second fall in 10 minutes, using the "Abdominal Stretch" on Kurt Von Brauner. Leaving Kurt flat on his stomach, the Torres' took a well-earned 2 minute rest, in which time Weingeroff returned to the ring with a towel for "his boys", in which was a foreign object. Karl poked it in the front of his trunks and in 6 minutes of the 3rd fall hit Ramon Torres in the back of his head, knocking him silly. The Referee couldn't find it, naturally, and the match went to the Von Brauners in a total time of 24 minutes.

PHOENIX WRESTLING NEWS

By AL FENN

Frankie Hurracain Cain has pulled the upset of the month and took the Arizona championship belt from Don "Bulldog" Kent. In losing his belt, Kent has gained in unpopularity—but he draws them in. Cain is well liked and now has a feud going with Killer Pat Patterson.

Cain was the winner of a 7-mat battle royal, and has defeated Ted Christy, Kid Mendoza, Honest John, and Joe Turco.

New faces cutting a wide swath in Arizona rings are Freddy Baron, who has a pleasing style, Koko Toko direct from Japan, and Alvaro Velasco.

Tito Montez and Omar Atlas continue the unbeaten path. Both specialize in high drop kicks.

Probably the toughest grappler to hit Arizona is Don Arnold. It's close between him, Killer Pat Patterson and Bulldog Kent. Kent has wins over Arnold, and Patterson has beaten just about everyone else, but hasn't met Arnold as yet. Gory Guerrero made a short stop here, defeating Honest John, while Freddy Baron pinned good looking Antonio Posa. Omar Atlas won a good match with Tough Tony Bernardi and took the measure of The Mad Professor. Frankie Cain hurt Ivan Popov, and the latter said he'd had enough of Arizona's "Texas Style" grappling and moved to another clime.

MINNESOTA WRESTLING NEWS

By NORMAN H. KIETZER

Verne Gagne continues to lead the heavyweight division of the American Wrestling Alliance with Reggie Parks as his No. 1 challenger. Crusher Lisowski, Bill Miller, Moose Evans, Doug Gilbert, Rocky Hamilton, Mad Dog Vachon, Pat O'Connor, Mitsu Arakawa, and The Mongolian Stomper also are ranking challengers.

Bob Orton defeated Eddie Graham to win the Southern States title in Florida recently. Orton lost out in a bid to strip the crown from Gagne last summer. He did manage to capture and hold a version of the U.S. title when he defeated Pat O'Connor in Iowa. Rocky Hamilton now holds that title.

Tag team action is rather slow. The AWA world title is vacant. Rene Goulet & Doug Gilbert, Mitsu Arakawa & Kinji Shibuya, and Larry Hennig & Crusher Lisowski appear to be the top challengers.

This past year's Minnesota wrestling Oscars should go to Verne Gagne, Male Wrestler of the Year; Kay Noble, Female Wrestler of the Year; Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff, Tag Team of the Year; Verne Gagne, Hero of the Year; Crusher Lisowski, Villain of the Year; and Rene Goulet as Male Prospect.



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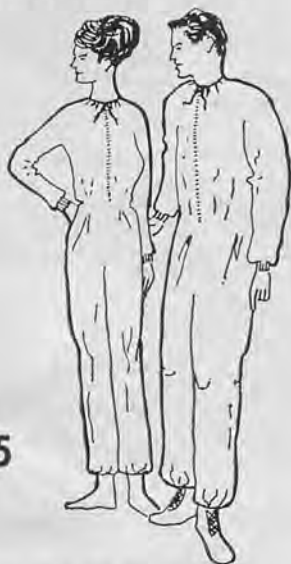
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CALIFORNIA MAT ACTION

By JIM ANTARAMIAN

Promoters up and down the state have been doing their best to bring the topnotch wrestlers into the "Golden State". Stars that have appeared recently in the area are Dick the Bruiser, A.W.A. U.S. champion Ray Stevens, Pat O'Connor, The Notorious Dalton Brothers, footballer Mike Paidousious, A.W.A. world tag team champions Pepper Gomez, and Jose Lothario, brilliant French star Andre Drapp, Red Bastien, Don DeNucci (Dominic Bravo), Dick Steinborn, and many other wrestling stars.

Even though old man winter seems to slow us up, the promoters are doing everything possible to present us with these sensational stars of the mat world. Thanks to all of them. Roy Shire (San Francisco), Big Bob Hill (Fresno), Louie Miller (Sacramento), Steve Strellich (Bakersfield), and the great Sando Sabo (Los Angeles).

At the Cow Palace in San Francisco, a capacity crowd of 14,475 howling fans saw Pepper Gomez and Jose Lothario successfully defend their A.W.A. world tag team title against the former champs who they defeated for the title, the Nielson Brothers, Art and Stan, in the 2 out of 3 fall main event.

Other matches saw Ray Stevens defend his A.W.A. U.S. championship by going to a draw with Don DeNucci (Dominic Bravo). Dick Steinborn threw the giant Spoiler (325 lbs.) with a side surfboard. The notorious Dalton brothers over Andre Drapp and popular Red Bastien. Ray "Thunder" Stern over Mike Paidousious with an airplane spin and a press.

Before another capacity crowd at Sacramento, California, the A.W.A. world tag team champions Pepper Gomez and Jose Lothario again successfully defended their title against the former champs whom they beat for the title, the Nielson brothers (Art and Stan) in the 2 out of 3 fall, main event.

Ray Stevens once again defended his A.W.A. U.S. championship against the French star, Andre Drapp. Stevens was lucky to come out on top, after a hard and gruesome battle.

Pat O'Connor, former N.W.A. world champion, threw the Spoiler. Popular Dickie Steinborn beat Dr. Big Bill Miller. Jack Dalton took the measure of Paul Diamond with a piledriver.

In Fresno recently the tag team champions Pepper Gomez and Jose Lothario, outsmarted the notorious Dalton Brothers in the featured main event. Ray Stevens retained his U.S. championship by practically murdering Andre Drapp. During the intermission between the 2nd and 3rd falls, with one fall for each, Ray Stevens, behind the referee's back, sneaked up on Andre Drapp, and plowed into him with three consecutive "Bombs Away" attacks from the top rope. This incident knocked Andre cold, and Stevens was able to take the 3rd and deciding fall easily.

In other matches, Dick the Bruiser beat Pepper Martin with a backbreaker and a body press. Don DeNucci and Paul Diamond wrestled to a 20 minute draw in a clean match which won the crowd's approval. Joe Scarpella, former U.S. Olympic star, won over Johnny "The Brodway" Venus.

Down south in Bakersfield and in Los Angeles the action has been going great.

Recent matches were: Don Leo Johnathan and Ray "Thunder" Stern going to a draw; Bearcat Wright and Red Bastien, over the "Mr. Americas" of wrestling, Steve and Bob Stanlee; W.W.A. world champion Bearcat Wright over former champ Freddie Blassie.

Bearcat Wright, world champion, won over former champ, the Destroyer; world champ Bearcat Wright over W.W.A. American heavyweight champion Count Billy Varga; Fred Blassie and Don Leo Johnathan lose W.W.A. U.S. tag team trophy to Bearcat Wright and Red Bastien; Bearcat and Red lose tag team trophy to Fred Blassie and Johnathan via disqualification on Red; Scufflin Hill-billies, over Tag Team Champs Fred Blassie and Don Leo Johnathan in a non title match.

SAN JOSE WRESTLING NEWS

Promoter Madd Zidich brought in the U.S. heavyweight champion, Ray Stevens of Indianapolis. The top challenger for the U.S. title was Jose (El Gran) Lathario of Mexico. The bout ended when Lathario received a bad cut over his eye and couldn't continue.

In other matches Dick Steinborn, who is undefeated in San Jose, added another victory to his list by defeating Kalu Kolney, 255, of Hawaii; the semi-main event saw ex-U.S. champion Pepper Gomez come back strong to defeat rough Stan Neilson of Georgia; the wild Dalton Brothers were held to a draw by Black Hawk and Red Bastien.

On another card Zidich brought in the World tag team champions, Pepper Gomez and Jose Lathario, who are from Mexico, to wrestle the wild Dalton Brothers of Pecos, Texas, and the bout ended in hot draw.

In the semi-main event Rock Hunter, who is billed as Karl Von Brock, defeated highly rated Red Bastien of Indianapolis in a rough match to the end; rough Jack Long, a newcomer to San Jose, defeated Paul Diamond; and Black Hawk made Roy (Rip) Collins quit with his Indian hold. The Dalton Brothers are looking for a rematch against the team of Pepper Gomez and Jose Lathario with the title at stake.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS

By BOB UTTER

Recently while watching Lou Thesz work against Cyclon Negro at the North Pennsylvania St. Armory in the Hoosier Capital, I was surprised to hear a ringsider remark: "I've seen the best of the past 30 years. Men like Ed (Strangler) Lewis, Jim Londos, Everett Marshall, Danno O'Mahoney and Jim Browning. Watching that guy (pointing to Thesz) I would have to say that he is perhaps the greatest of all."

Thesz, who has been knockin' around the cauliflower circuit for over 27 years and has held the global belt six different times, won the third and deciding fall against Negro by disqualification. Cyclon failed to re-enter the ring in time after following Thesz out.

The 47-year old champion won the first fall in 16:26 with a dropkick and a body press. Challenger Negro won the second frame in 6:38 with a series of headlocks and a body press.

Undercard action featured by Promoter Balk Estes saw Doc and Mike Gallagher win two of three falls over Moose Cholak and the Alaskan. A special tag attraction featuring the midgets saw Lord Littlebrook team with Little Hawk against Fritz and Hans Katzenjammer. Battling ended in a stalemate. Rudy Kay and the Lawman went to a no-contest in the opener.

Promoter Estes went "all out" the following week in staging a Russian Roulette which saw Moose Tholak the winner after 12:09 when he was the only one of the 12 starting wrestlers left in the ring.

Preliminary brawling saw the Gallaghers, Doc and Mike, win over the Lawman and Thacker when Mike pinned Thacker in 14:27 of a one-fall match.

The Wilbur Snyder and Cyclon Negro match was called a no-contest after 10:56 when both matmen left the ring and would not return. The Bruiser (Dick Afflis) and the Alaskan also went to a no-contest for the same reason as Snyder and Negro. The time on this match was called after 12:46.

Bob Bruce pinned Dennis Hall in 10:00 and Tholak flopped Paul Richard in 4:43.

The teams of the Alaskan and Cyclon Negro and Doc and Mike Gallagher were disqualified for brawling outside of the ring during the third fall of their tag match. Both teams had split falls prior to the chasing.

In another tag match, Hans and Fritz Katzenjammer beat Little Hawk and Lord Littlebrook by taking the first and third frames. Rudy Kay pinned Karl Pullin in 16:29; the Lawman and Angelo Poffo fought to a 30-minute draw.

Wilbur Snyder and Cyclon Negro defeated Doc Gallagher and Big Bob Bruce in a tag sizzler which saw Negro flop Gallagher in 8:52; Doc bounced Negro in 7:38; Snyder went over Bruce in 5:05.

The Lawman and Guy Mitchell defeated Paul Richard and Johnny King in straight sets; Emile Dupre beat King in 10:00; the Black Orchid defeated Richard in 11:32 by disqualification; Mitchell flopped Gary Hart in 9:00.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING NEWS

By GENE GORDON

One of the most hated and controversial figures in heavyweight wrestling, Rip Hawk still is considered the top attraction in this area, despite the fact that he and tag team partner Swede Hanson are booed from pillar and post.

Rip is a rough and ready 240 pound toughie hailing from Toledo, Ohio. The blond ex-marine, who sports a crew cut, claims fans love him but they are afraid to show their affection for his wrestling skill because they fear ridicule from other ringsiders.

Bronco Lubich and Aldo Bogni lost via a disqualification to "The Kentuckians" in a main event at Charlotte's Park Center. The Von Braunsers, Kurt and Karl, took a win over Ike Eakins and Tarzan Tyler. A midget thriller saw Frenchy Semard down Mexico's Chico Santana. George (Two Ton) Harris defeated Alex Medina in the curtain opener. Lubich and Bogni added another win to their credit, defeating Sid Jones and Jack Lanza. "Two Ton" Harris took a win over Rubberman Walker and Bobby Red Cloud, popular Indian mat ace, won via disqualification over Tarzan Tyler.

In Raleigh, the main event saw "The Bolos", masked demons of the mat, win over Cowboy Bob Ellis and Johnny Weaver. Rip Hawk defeated Jack Lanza on the same card promoted by Joe Murnick, ex-North Carolina State boxing star.

Another Charlotte card at Park Center saw "The Mighty Kentuckians," Luke Smith and Jake Brown, teamed with George Becker to defeat Aldo Bogni, Bronco Lubich and manager Homer O'Dell. The Bogni, Lubich, O'Dell trio forfeited the bout when they fled to the dressing-room and refused to return to action for the third fall. On the same card Swede Hanson was too strong for Sid Jones, winning a one sided verdict over his younger foe and Sonny Fargo, returning after a long absence due to an injured leg fought Joe Tomasso to a 20 minute draw.

At the Auditorium in Greenville, S. C., The Great Bolo and partner Bolo took a main event over Johnny Weaver and Jack Lanza.

In other Greenville matches Ted Evans topped

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John Gudiski, newcomer to the Carolinas. Veteran Tinker Todd beat Tony Romano and Two Ton Harris and Alex Medina went to a draw. In Knoxville, Tenn., the popular Hawaiian Sam Steamboat won a main go at Chilhowee Park over highly touted John Milano. Milano jumped over the top rope and refused to return to the ring.

Steve Kovacs, billed as the Southeastern heavy-weight champion, retained this honor taking a win over Herb Larsen. Alex Perez, popular Latin sensation, whipped Chuck Connolly in the opener. Haystack Calhoun, popular in southern areas, is currently around Miami, Florida. Haystack took a win over both Pedro Godoy and Frank Valois recently at Miami's Auditorium. Other top names in the famous vacation spot are Tito Carreon, Great Malenko, Brute Bernard, Bob Orton and Skull Murphy. Appearing in and around Atlanta are such top names as Joe Scarpa, Timmy Geohagen, Chief Big Heart, Ray Gunkel and others.

In a recent main go at the Auditorium, Ray Gunkel dumped Tarzan Tyler. Taro Myaki, 230 pound Japanese Terror, defeated Chief Big Heart, 250 pound Indian from Oklahoma. Joe Scarpa, Mobile, Ala., pinned Germany's Red Steiner; Lorenza Parenta beat the mysterious Mighty Hercules. Popular Darrell Cochran, Atlanta's pride and joy, won over Stan Stasiak from Quebec, Canada.

Lou Thesz, NWA world champion defended his title successfully recently in the Carolinas. In Charlotte, Lou met Tarzan Tyler, a blond husky, who recently made his debut here. Tyler, an aggressive, rough style grappler put up a good scrap, giving the champion a good run for his money, with the champion taking the third and deciding fall over his strong opponent whose main weapon is his dreaded clawhold.

In Raleigh, N.C. Lou Thesz defeated Ike Eakins and then took another win over rugged Swede Hanson at Greensboro.

Popular "Cowboy" Bob Ellis arrived in the Carolinas and teamed up with Johnny Weaver and there's been nothing but animosity between the team of Rip Hawk-Swede Hanson and that of Ellis and Weaver. A bloody battle between Hawk and Ellis recently got so rough it was ordered stopped because of the unmerciful pounding both contestants were receiving and Hawk was barred from the territory for a week due to unnecessary roughness and failure to obey the rules.

Another Charlotte card saw Johnny Weaver take a win over vicious Swede Hanson when the big Minnesota roughie was disqualified.

The Von Brauners, Kurt and Karl, goose stepping Germans with manager Saul Weingeroff, lost a victory via disqualification to the powerful, bearded hillbillies, "The Kentuckians" in a real donneybrook.

Another wild slugfest at Charlotte's Park Center featured the Von Brauners in a win over Dr. Menendez and Johnny Walker.

Indian star Bobby Red Cloud drew with El Gaucho and Tarzan Tyler stopped Jesse James.

At the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, on the Thesz-Eakins headline, Bobby Ellis, Johnny Weaver and George Becker won the six man tag team bout over Homer O'Dell, Bronco Lubich and Aldo Bogni.

Dr. Menendez, a 6 feet 4 inch goliath weighing 270 pounds, fast and tricky, is the best big man for his size to appear in these parts in some time. Almost 2 years ago this fellow played the part of Fidel Castro in the movie "We Shall Return" starring Cesar Romero.

In Knoxville, Tenn. Sam Steamboat of Hawaii is the big drawing card.

Other favorites around Knoxville and Chattanooga are Alex Perez, Joe Lanza, Don Greene and Trech Phillips, now known better as Wild Man Phillips. Also seeing action in Tennessee rings are the Von Stroheims, Tex Riley, Tojo Yamamoto, Don Slatton and Ivan Malenkov.

PORTLAND WRESTLING

By DAN WITT

Maurice Vachone defeated Nick Kozak in two out of three falls in the main event of a four bout card. Paddy Barrett and Gil Anedrew, Bing Ki Lee beat Bill Savage, and Nick Bockwinkle and Herb Freeman drew.

Tough Tony Borne and Soldat Gorky combined talents to beat Art Mahalik and The Destroyer in two out of three falls. The Mongolian and Haru Sasaki drew with Luther Lindsay and Shag Thomas. Paddy Barrett won on a disqualification from Don Duffy, and Nick Bockwinkle defeated Pedro Lopez.

Tough Tony Borne was disqualified in a match with the Masked Destroyer. Tony had won the first fall with a cannonball leap off of the top rope. Tony was going for the same leap only the Destroyer moved as Tony was leaping off the rope and the Destroyer pinned him to gain the second fall. During the third fall they wound up outside the ring fighting it out. Tony chased the Destroyer into the ring with a chair and used it, getting himself disqualified. Haru Sasaki beat Bing Ki Lee; Louis Tillett and Paddy Barret drew; Nick Kozak beat Don Duffy and Nick Bockwinkle beat Bill Savage.

The masked Destroyer defeated Maurice Vachone for the Northwest championship belt. The Destroyer gained an early advantage with a knee

drop off of the top rope for the first fall. Vachone came back to take the second with back breakers and a press. The Destroyer took the third when he made Vachone quit with his figure four leg lock. In supporting bouts The Mongolian was disqualified for using illegal Karate blows on Paddy Barrett. Louis Tillett beat Nick Kozak in a match that lasted twenty seconds. Kozak had missed a flying drop kick and Tillett put a pile driver on him. Herb Freeman defeated Pedro Lopez and Nick Bockwinkle beat Don Duffy.

The Destroyer applied his knee drop off of the top rope to beat Shag Thomas in the first fall of their match and then he lost the second when Thomas gave him a few head butts and then pinned him. The match ended as a "no-contest" when they tried to finish it outside the ring.

The masked Destroyer got a taste of his own medicine. He was scheduled to fight Shag Thomas in a return match but Thomas was unable to make the card that evening. So Don Owen got Nick Bockwinkle to take Thomas' place. The Destroyer protested and said he would not fight him but he was forced to. Bockwinkle disposed of the Destroyer in 3 minutes and 20 seconds with the figure four leg lock. Tough Tony Borne beat Art Mahalik in two of three falls winning the first with a cannonball leap. Mahalik took the second fall and wound up on the concrete floor in the third. Tony gave him another Cannonball from the top rope on to the floor to gain the win. The Mongol and Haru Sasaki fought Nick Kozak and Nick Bockwinkle to a no-contest.



One of the wildest matches seen in Charlotte in a long long time was the battle between the Masked Bolos and the Kentuckians. The above photo shows one of the Bolos giving one of the Kentuckians a going-over after tossing him out of the ring.

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MICHIGAN

By DAVID MAAS

KALAMAZOO

The first match of the evening was a Texas style match, no time limit, with all men in the ring at one time. Larry Chene and Gino Brito going against The Student and Gary Hart. The first fall went to The Student and Gary Hart with Chene and Brito coming back for the second fall. The Student and Gary Hart made a quick comeback to win the match.

The second match was another 2 out of 3 fall match with Gary Hart outwitting The Black Orchid in the first and third match to come out the victor.

The third match, another of the same, two out of three with Tom Londos going against the Student. The first fall going to Londos with the second to The Student with Londos winning the match after The Student was disqualified for not breaking his hold while on the ropes.

LANSING

Ivan Kalmikoff went against Doug Gilbert in a 2 out of 3 fall match. The first down was taken by Kalmikoff and the second fall was won by Doug Gilbert with his victory roll only to be defeated by Kalmikoff after Ivan hit Doug with a chair on top of the head.

In the second match Portifio Longdoria vs. The Sheik, 2 out of 3 falls, The Sheik took the first 2 falls to win.

THE THIRD MATCH saw Doug Gilbert teamed against The Sheik. Doug took a chair away from The Sheik, who was busy arguing with a lady in the audience, and hit him on the head, knocking him to the floor thereby winning the first fall. The Sheik never waited for the bell to sound the start for the second fall. He came out fast and furious to down Doug. Doug was unable to answer the bell for the third fall so The Sheik was declared the winner.

The fourth match was a one fall match with big Danny Miller going against Ivan Kalmikoff. This one was wrestled to a draw.

WRESTLING RESULTS

KALAMAZOO ARMORY

CRYBABY CANNON VS. PAUL DE MARCO

One fall 20 minute time limit. Crybaby Cannon downed Paul De Marco after eleven minutes. Cannon threw himself on Paul, who weighs only 220 to Cannon's nearly 350 and Paul was unable to raise a shoulder before the three count. Note—Crybaby got his name by crying whenever defeated.

GINO BRITO VS. THE GREAT MEPHISTO

In a two out of three fall match, one hour time limit. The first fall was taken by the Great Mephisto after he used his famous claw hold on Gino. The match went to Gino after The Great Mephisto was disqualified in the last two falls. Mephisto was warned by the referee many times about using the mike cord to choke Brito with.

IVAN KALMIKOFF VS. LARRY CHENE

A two out of three fall one hour time limit match. The first and third fall were taken by Kalmikoff making him the winner.

LANSING CIVIC CENTER

The Sheik won his second match in straight falls at the Lansing Civic Center when he pinned Bob Nador in the feature bout with his Camel Back Breaker. It took The Sheik 11 minutes to gain the first fall but only 1:05 to notch the second.

Pancho Lopez and Vito Gonzales won the semi-feature midget tag team bout over Fuzzy Cupid and Billy the Kid by winning the last two falls. In three other single bouts of the evening Larry Chene and The Alaskan match was called a "no contest" as both men were disqualified. Cyclone Negro beat Joe Matti and Ivan Kalmikoff and Gino Brito wrestled to a draw.

LANSING WUJIM

The Sheik downed Emil Dupree in two straight falls both times with his Camel Clutch. In a two out of three fall 1 hour time limit Louie Klein came out the victor over Ivan Kalmikoff. Louie took the first fall after 20:11 with a body press and pin with Ivan coming back to gain the second fall by repeatedly slamming Louie into the canvas and then kicking him in the stomach. Louie made a fast comeback in only 2:01 with his popular Atomic Drop to win the bout. Whenever you see Louie Klein move in for an Atomic Drop look for a pin.

MUSKEGON

In the preliminary bout Gino Brito and Lord Lansdown wrestled to a draw in a one fall 20 minute match.

The Black Orchid pinned Chief White Eagle after completing three head bunts.

The Great Mephisto used his iron claw hold to win over Jerry May after 10:31.

Leaping Larry Chene and Ricky Crusader Cortez won over The Student and Gary Hart. Larry unmasked The Student but his identity is a still a secret as he had his head taped. This was quite a different match to witness as Ricky always has wrestled as a villain.

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The Great Mephisto downed Emil Dupree in the preliminary bout of the evening. Mephisto used his claw to put Emil to sleep for the count of three.

WRESTLING

Gino Brito and Rick Cortez grappled for 47 minutes in a two out of three fall match with an hour time limit. Rick took the first fall in 12:49 with an airplane spin and a press with Gino making a comeback to tie the match at one even. Then Rick won the match by pinning Gino.

Ivan Kalmikoff and Guy Mitchell wrestled to a draw in a one fall 30 minute time limit. In the feature match the "Atomic Blond Louie" Klein and Wilbur Snyder walked away from the Masked Terror and Tony Angelo with the taste of victory on their lips. Klein took the first two falls to emerge the winner hardly giving The Terror and Angelo a minute to think what had hit them.

PONTIAC ARMORY

In a one fall 20 minute time limit Farmer Pete won over Fuzzy Cupid.

A six man battle royal consisting of the following men took 57 minutes with the men teaming as they were defeated.

1. Crybaby Cannon, 2. White Eagle, 3. Ivan Kalmikoff, 4. Rick Cortez, 5. Paul De Marco, 6. The Great Mephisto.

They went out in this order with Paul and Mephisto going up against each other for the finale.

In the 1st match, Cannon won over White Eagle; in the 2nd match, Kalmikoff and Cortez grappled to a draw. The Great Mephisto won over Paul DeMarco in the feature bout. Paul won the first fall but The Great Mephisto was just too much for Paul.

JACKSON

The opening bout of the evening was a one fall 20 minute time limit with Rickey going against The Black Orchid. Rick came out the victor in 16:10.

Cowboy Cannon emerged the winner over Chief White Eagle in another 20 minute 1 fall match. Cannon had a weight advantage of nearly 100 pounds over Eagle.

A Texas Style "Death Match" was next on the card with Leaping Larry Chene going against The Student. The Student walked away the winner after he managed to cut Larry's head open so Larry couldn't continue.

In a one hour time limit, 2 out of 3 fall match, The Great Mephisto and Dino Bravo vs. The Skufflin Hillbillies, the 1st fall was won by Bravo and Mephisto; the 2nd fall by the Hillbillies; and the 3rd fall by Hillbillies, the winners of the bout.

GRAND RAPIDS

The Hillbillies vs. Dino Bravo and John Gates in a 2 out of three fall one hour time limit match began with the 1st fall ending in 17 minutes with Bravo and Gates gaining first blood. The 2nd fall was won in 3 minutes by The Hillbillies, and the 3rd fall was taken by The Hillbillies in ten minutes to win the contest.

Crybaby Cannon met Bernie Dunn in another bout, with the winner in 8 minutes and 13 seconds being Cowboy Cannon.

The Student faced Mephisto in a 2 out of 3 falls 1 hour time limit match in which the 1st fall went to Mephisto; the 2nd fall to The Student, and the third and deciding fall to The Student.

Pancho Lopez and Farmer Pete defeated Billy the Kid and Sky LoLo. Sky LoLo and Billy won the first fall with Lopez and Pete winning the next two and the match.

LANSING CIVIC CENTER

In the first match of 20 minutes time limit, 1 fall—Paul DeMarco vs. White Eagle, the bout ended as a draw when time ran out.

The 2nd match, 30 minutes time limit, 1 fall—in 21:30 Gino Brito took the bout with a body press over Johnny Cass.

In the semi feature, Adolph Rommel lost the first fall to the Black Orchid in 12:10 when Rommel was disqualified.

In the 2nd fall, Rommel was the winner with a body press, in 15:45; and the 3rd fall was taken by Black Orchid, in 10:50, who won with a body press.

PONTIAC ARMORY

The 214 pound Tom Londres drew with the Black Orchid, 205 pounds, in a scheduled 20 minutes 1 fall match.

In the 2nd match 1 fall 30 minutes time limit affair, Joe Mattie lost to The Student when the latter clamped on his sleeper hold.

The 3rd match, a 2 out of 3 fall bout with a 1 hr. time limit, saw Paul DeMarco win the first fall over Lord Lansdown. Lansdown won the 2nd and 3rd fall after he had cut Paul's mouth.

RALEIGH, N. C. AREA

By GROVER LEE

The new year looks bright for Raleigh wrestling fans. Promoter Joe Murnick has promised to bring all the top names into this area in 1964.

The 1963 season closed out with the fans seeing the best bouts in years on Murnick's Tuesday night bouts at Dorton Arena and the W-R-A-L-TV station on Wednesday nights.

The pair of Hillbillies, who call themselves "The Kentuckians," have again invaded this area. Both the bearded, overall wearing wrestling mountaineers weigh over 300 pounds each. Their names are Luke "Big Boy" Brown & Tiny (Jake Smith) Anderson. Colorful and comical, they are fast making a big name for themselves. As of this writing they are undefeated. Their biggest opposition has been in Ike Eakins. Eakins of Harland

County Kentucky has really called The Kentuckians all sorts of names. Ike claims that if Brown & Anderson were from Kentucky they would not be so big. Ike goes on to say that the state of Kentucky has open season on things like "the KENTUCKIANS." On a recent card at Raleigh the Kentuckians got Ike in the ring and nearly killed him. So again the Kentuckians got sweet revenge.

On a recent Raleigh card: Alex Medina and John Gudiski battled to a 20 minute draw. In the second bout Tommy O'Toole beat Ted Evans. In a crowd pleasing semi-final, midgets Bernard & Frenchy Semard, whipped Peewees Lopez & Chico Santana. The Bernards won the second & third falls. In the main event: wire match, . . . ring surrounded by a 7 foot steel wire fence, Bob Ellis & Johnny Weaver won the second and third falls from Rip Hawk & Swede Hanson. . . .

The next card featured the return of the Great Bolo & the Bolo. The Bolos are a team of rough and ready masked men, who don't care how many rules they break. The Bolos' return to this area was spoiled by Bob Ellis & Johnny Weaver, now recognized as Southern tag-team champions. Ellis & Weaver took the first fall from the Bolos, then after the Bolos captured the second fall the referee suddenly reversed his decision and awarded the fall and match to the Ellis-Weaver team. "The Kentuckians" captured two straight falls to whip Ike Eakins and John Gudiski. In preliminary contests, Swede Hanson downed rough Tommy O'Toole. Rip Hawk beat Chief Bobby Red Cloud. . . .



Yorkshireman Jimmy Breaks of Bradford, who was awarded the Lord Mountevans lightweight championship belt.

THE ENGLISH MATS

By DON FORD

A new group of wrestling stars are now with us and should give us action. From Germany come two old favorites of English fans Horst Hoffman and Erich Kolttschak. Hoffman recently caused a major upset by defeating Canadian heavyweight Georges Gordienko. Gordienko is currently billed as Canada's No. 1 world title challenger. The Golden Greek, Johnny Kostas, is back in Britain after a visit to the continent. Kostas looks much better on his second visit, he has now had time to accustom himself to English rules. Vassiliou Mantopolous, the Greek lightweight champion, is back for a brief tour.

Ricki Starr has switched from Paul Lincoln promotions to the Joint promotion group.

The masked terror of English mats, Doctor Death of Hollywood, remains undefeated after eleven years combat. Two masked men who have had their identities revealed recently are The Masked Zebra Kid from Warren, Ohio, underneath the striped hood George Bollas, and The Legionnaire, one of the old school of wrestling Ken Davies of Wales.

Girl wrestling was recently tried out over here by a small south of England promoter and it didn't go over too well.

The horrific hunchback from Spain, Quasimodo, named after the legendary belleranger from the Hunchback of Notre Dame, continues his feud with Doctor Death. To date the hunchback has failed to beat the masked Doctor but is determined to unmask him at a later date. Other wrestlers waiting for a shot to unmask the Doctor, include Judo Al Hayes himself, unmasked, whilst campaigning as The White Angel, Mike Marino of Italy, Ray Hunter of Tasmania, Canada's Flash, Lee Edwards, the iron man from London's dockland, Don Steadman, Prof. Addiwasser, the French Judo star, American Jack Larsar, Nippon.

ese grapplers, Yokouchi, Togo Tani and the masked Kamikaze. Australia's bear trainer and bear wrestler, Dennis Dean.

These along with hundreds of other wrestlers have all failed to beat Doctor Death. Lumberjack Gori Ed Mangotich and Texan Ski Hi Lee have both teamed with Doctor Death to help him on his path to universal hatred.

The Ring Wrestling magazine is making a great impact on the British fan, it is a pity it's a bi monthly and not a monthly publication, no one could get too much of the type of materials it publishes and the quality certainly shows up other mags on wrestling.

THE GRUDGE MATCH

By JEAN BRYAN

Cowboy George Valentine wants Jackie Fargos' championship belt, and he's determined to get it. The last time . . . well, let's start from the beginning.

Some months ago Cowboy George won the I.W.A. championship belt by defeating four men in one night. Three weeks later he defended his belt against Jackie Fargo, who was defending his WWF belt. Result? The bout was stopped, "no decision." The second time they met, under the same circumstances, Fargo won, although Valentine claimed a foul. Now they meet again, hence, the grudge match. The exception in this match is that Fargo is defending only his WWF belt.

Fargo managed to win, but the chorus of boos was deafening as he claimed his belt and strutted around the ring, while Valentine, looking very dejected, made his way to the dressing room. Many times during the match, Fargo put his hand in the top of his trunks and brought it out with his fist doubled. Naturally the fans, this one included thought he had a weapon, but careful observation when he supposedly put it back revealed no bulge, other than natural ones in the waistline.

I don't know how many more times these fellows will meet, but when they do, they make a worthwhile evening.

Gorilla Parker defeated two men in a handicap tag match. He won two falls straight, overpowering Francisco Rios and Armando Rodriguez, and seemed to be barely sweating after the first fall. He isn't really a big man compared to Kowalski or Haystacks Calhoun in the height and weight department, but he can "whip his weight in wildcats" as the saying goes.

In a championship girls' match, Fifi De Páree successfully defended her title against a real rough gal, Mae Goodner. Goodner came out swinging, catching Fifi almost immediately after the bell, and kept up a vicious attack all through the match, but championship form will show, and Fifi left no doubt in the minds of the fans as to who was the better grappler.

Other results:

Brown Bomber, Maurice Robere, and Les Valentine, defeated Count Corronni, Barena Arena, and Great Mephisto, Dolly Page and Darling Dagmar over Diamond Lil and Baby Cheryl.

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ON AND AROUND THE MAT

By NAT LOUBET

RICKI STARR



Ricki Starr, a smash success in England and Paris, as well as a multitude of other French and Swiss towns . . . wrestled 18 nights in a row . . . he writes that he ate escargot (snails) for the first time and loved them. . . . There is a new fc for Ricki under the guidance of Marla Pascher of 4520 Hallmark Drive, Dallas 29, Texas.

Letters from England and France have reached this corner pertaining to matches between women and men, sometimes termed "mixed matches". To set everything straight, we would like to make it clear that very few bouts have ever occurred between men and women and the few that have taken place were freak bouts with exhibition flavor. . . . Many women grapplers have bragged about their ability to defeat men but the odds against them would be 100 to 1. . . . Occasional matches are put on in U.S. in which a tag team composed of one man and one woman meet a like team but always the man has wrestled the other man and the two women have met to perform their team responsibilities . . . in short . . . don't get steamed up about men wrestling women . . . it rarely happens outside of automobiles.

Ski Low Low, a midget wrestler of fame is not only a superb wrestler on his own but has been one of the guiding lights behind all midget grappling . . . considered a brain and sharp organizer.

Gorilla Monsoon will soon be seen doing a tag team bit . . . he has been approached by many would be partners but the colorful Monsoon refuses to do the duo road with anyone but another big, rough, dangerous grappler.

Luther Lindsay is reputed to have one of the best Full Nelson holds. . . . Leo Garibaldi is holding forth in Austin, Texas, as a promoter. . . . Also in Texas is Dory Dixon, who was such a success story in New York and surrounding area this fall.

A new face, who has moved ahead fast in the upper mid-west, is the Frenchman Rene Goulet, who has given Verne Gagne and Mitsu Arakawa severe tests. . . . What has caused Gene Anderson to develop his new modus operandi of dishing out more than he takes? . . . It has the fans talking. . . . Dr. "Big" Bill Miller is still seen wearing his famous red mask, his trademark as "Mr. M". . . . Bill was a former Ohio State All American football player. . . .

Mitsu Arakawa has developed the same deadly hold as that used by Fritz Von Erich . . . a claw hold. . . . The Alaskan is reported to be using the sobriquet of the Masked Terror. . . . Wally Chaplin informs that his fc for Irish Mike Clancy has grown to over two hundred members. . . . Anyone desiring to join this International can contact Wally at 802 West Ildereen, Springfield, Missouri.

Buddy Rogers, out of wrestling for a period and reported by some as having retired, will shortly be wrestling in England and on the Continent . . . remember you read it here first.

Eddie William, former Springfield, Mo. grappler is now doing well as a promoter in St. Paul, Mo. . . . Don Greene of the Don and Al duo, has a wife named Betty and two daughters, ages 7 and 9. . . . Don was an ex Marine and Al ex Army. . . . They held a version of the world tag team title in 1961.

That top tag team, The Masked Medics, Nelson Royal and Pedro Godoy, are travelling. . . . Pedro was in Ring Office and has some very controversial opinions on the new crop of wrestlers. . . . RW will bring you his fascinating disclosure in future issue.

Pat Barrett, who did so well in East last summer, now continues to get raves and is picked by many experts as a lad to watch. . . . Word from "Tornado" Landau that he has been having a ball wrestling alligators and bears in Puerto Rico . . . this guy is an expert when it comes to animals . . . he has an fc that can be joined by writing to Mrs. Wagenseller, the president of his club. The address is 1151 Balk Park, Media, Pa.

Several grapplers profess no knowledge of English . . . Pedro Lopez, Gorilla Monsoon, El Mogel, et al. . . . Art Mahalik, Paddy Barrett and the Mongol are all batting 1000 in the Seattle



GORILLA MONSOON

area as this is written. Did you know that . . . Abe Jacobs hails from Wellington, New Zealand and that his nickname is "Kiwi"? . . . that Danno McDonald's known as "Devastating"?

Taro Myaki, 235 pounds of fury from Yokohama, Japan, is a Sumo champion as well as Judo, Karate and Jiu Jitsu expert.

... Edouard Carpentier has offered a \$100,000 guarantee to Cassius Clay, the new heavyweight boxing champion of the world, to a boxing-wrestling match. ... He's not alone since Bruno Sammartino, one of the world title holders, has also challenged Clay. Bruno's challenge will be offered in the next RW in his own words and we will see what Clay will answer?

George Bolas, a resident of England (he will be remembered as the Zebra Kid), has been meeting the best that "Ole John Bull" has to offer—writes that he has been having a ball "over there". ... George will remain by popular demand as will Billy Two Rivers. George recently married a New Zealand girl.

Jackie Fargo's fc president, Roy Turner, informs that there are a limited number of openings for new members ... get the info from Roy at 2410 Vining Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama.

Mr. Arthur Green, a director of Joint Promotions Ltd., England, states that his organization is, he believes, the biggest in the world, with members promoting at least 100 tournaments a week and with competitors coming from all over the world.

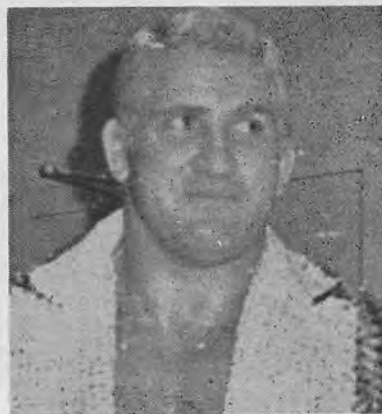
Mr. Green mentions Tosh Toho (the smaller), Ken Ackles, Johnny Kostas, Zando Zabo as a few of the outstanding men appearing in rings from countries outside the Mighty Isle.

Further, informs our friend, his organization is the only one to use commercial television, which is presented on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. ... TVeing has been going on for seven years—but Tag Teams, a new TV craze in England—is only a few months old in-so-far as the "tube" watchers are concerned.

Did you know that ... Bill Zbyszko's birthplace was Winnipeg, Canada? ... that when he wrestled in the South of the U.S. he grappled under the name of Bill Dromo? ... that he weighs er-r around 235 pounds? ... that his favorite holds are the knee lift and the rocking chair? ... that he has a pet Doberman named Major Ebony?

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THE TOLOS BROS.

Stan Nielson, the rough and ready blond belter has been drawing big crowds in his recent appearances. ... The voting in the RW Beauty Contest is still pouring in at a fast pace, it is keeping the mailmen in shape toting the bags to the office. ...

Most of the mail that we receive in the office concerns the gals, more and more people have become fans of the female grapplers and they keep asking why there are no women wrestling in New York or California. ...

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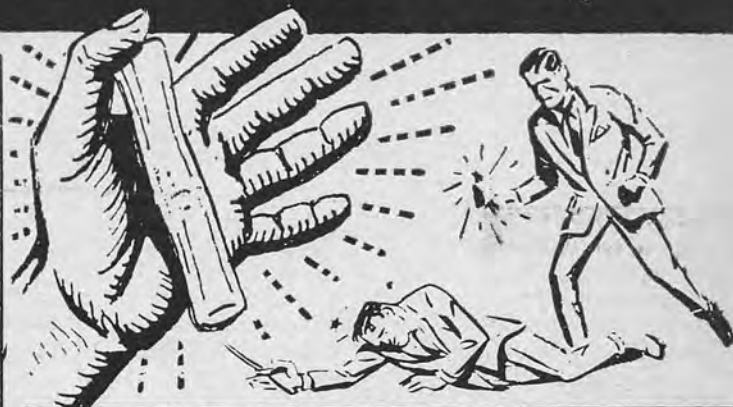
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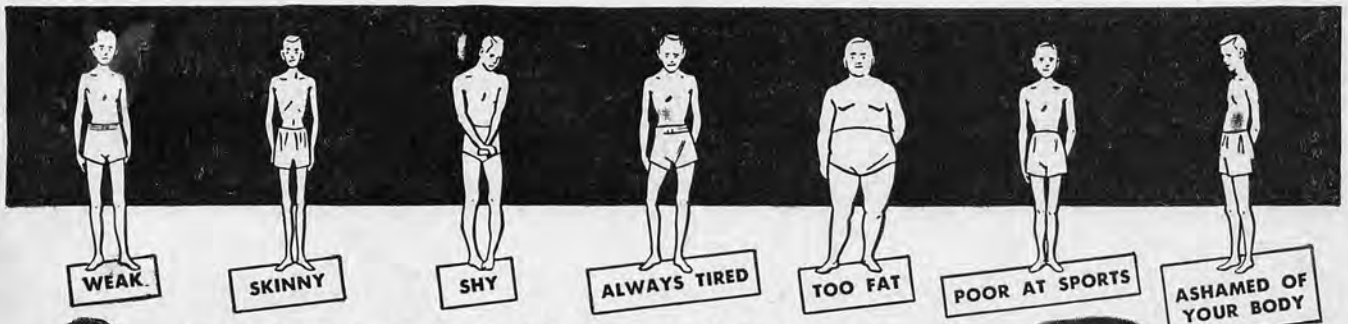


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